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Nuclear-free world cannot be—Thatcher

rejected the ambition of President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov for a nuclear-free

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world as "pie in the sky."
In an exclusive interview with *The Times*, Mrs Thatcher said: "Both the President and Mr Gorbachov have said that they want to see a world vithout nuclear weapons.

"I cannot see a world without nuclear weapons. Let me be practical about it. The knowledge is there to make

"So do not go too hard for that pie in the sky because, while everyone would like to see it. I do not believe it is going to come about."

in one of the most wideranging and politically important interviews since the election, Mrs Thatcher:
Said that Mr Graham Day,
British Leyland's chairman-

in-waiting, might now get involved in the consideration of privatization plans; Suggested that the Conservative manifesto commitment to steel privatization, and proposals for limited rent decontrol, would be delayed

beyond the next election; Said that she expected to introduce new industrial relations legislation soon after she was re-elected for a third term; •Gave her 25-year vision of popular capitalism; Attacked "arrogant" critics who called for curbs on tax

Said that the failure to extradite Miss Evelyn Glenholmes should not be flowed to cloud judgement on the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Mrs Thatcher said that it was a mistake to think that a purely commercial decision could have been taken on British Leyland and Land

How the style of the

Fifties, the forgotten

found favour with a

Can Cambridge break

The big one

JUMBO

The Times Portfolio daily competition prize - £4,000

because there was no winner on Wednesday - was won

on Wednesday - was won yesterday by Mr R A Brinded of Worthing. Portfulio list, page 20; how to play, information service, page 16.

Tedny, £22,000 can be won - £20,000 in the weekly competition and £2,000 in the daily.

There is no Saturday game because the Stock Exchange is

closed. Portfolio resumes on

Bank Holiday

crossword

decade of angry

young men, has

new generation

**Boat race** 

blues

The Prime Minister has Rover, because of the feelings down the line of the family, sected the ambition of Presi-which had been aroused. leaving to others not only their

with "painful" decisions and "considerable problems" and she added that Mr Day might now get involved because be than ever before.
would be "charged with the "So that the overwhelming duty of finding the best way

On her plans for industrial relations legislation, Mrs Thatcher said she thought the closed shop was "repugnant",

Interview

and that that, along with the enforceability of contracts between employers and trade unions and an extension of ballots for trade union officers

would have to be considered. Asked about her plans for education, the Prime Minister said that no decisions had yet been taken on education credits to enable parents greater

choice in schools. She said that parents who used credits to send their children to independent schools might have to be taxed the "enormous bonus"

they were getting. Challenged on Government's direction and momentum. Mrs Thatcher said that inflation and direct taxes were coming down and more was being privatized. But although the Government had extended "popular capitalism", it had only just

got started. "In about 25 years' time," she said, "there will be quite a lot of people, who will be inheriting something, because for the first time we will have a whole generation of people who own their own homes and will be leaving them, so that they topple like a cascade

Tory party

poll alert

By Philip Webster

Political Reporter

Conservative Party chairman,

yesterday placed his staff on

alert for the next general

Although it was stressed that Mr Tebbit's move should

will not come until 1988,

although several key ministers

The party is facing several

important by elections, start-ing in Fulham on April 10, then in West Derbyshire and

Ryedale. Early polis suggest it

faces a slump in support.

Mr Tebbit said leading party officials would agree on an

overall strategy for the general

election in the next few weeks. He disclosed that Sir Chris-

topher Lawson, Conservative marketing director at the last election, will return to Central

favour autumn next year.

Mr Norman Tebbit, the

But she said that the homes but some of their Government was now left shares, some of their huilding society investments, some of their national savings certificates - only on a bigger scale

> majority of people, who could never look forward to that "Look, they have got something to inherit. They have got a basis to start on!" That is tremendous. That is popular capitalism."

The Prime Minister also attacked the arrogance of her

tax cut critics.

She said: "When people come to me and say Don't reduce tax!", the first question l ask of them is: 'Do tell me, is your income in the top half? "Yes". "Very considerably in the top half?"

"And I say: Well, I do not find many people coming to me, teachers, nurses, people who are working hard hut earning below average, I don't find them coming to me and saying 'you are leaving too much of my own money in my pocket, Mrs Thatcher'.

"I find them coming and saying: 'I have not got enough of my own money left in my own pocket to pay my rates, to pay my fuel hills, to buy food and clothes."

Asked about the repercus sions of the failure to extradite
Miss Evelyn Glenholmes
from Dublin last weekend,
Mrs Thatcher said: "When these things happen, we feel just the same way as most other people about them hut. equally, we have to say: "Well now, look! Keep calm. Don't dash into anything which may put the long-term objectives in jeopardy!". And that I still say.

#### Policemen suspended over death

A Chief Inspector, an inspector and two sergeants were suspended from duty yesterday hours after an inquest found that Mr John Mikkleson, a Hell's Angel, had been unlawfully killed while in police custody, Scotland Yard

He announced a reorganiza-tion of Conservative Central . No further details were Office, aimed at preparing the party's election machine for given, but police sources said further suspensions were exwhat he described as the most pected and could total seven. sophisticated high technology

. The coroner's jury at Ham-mersmith, west London, re-turned a unanimous verdict campaign ever to be fought m "We are now well into what that Mr Mikkleson's death be could prove to be the vital year of preparation in the run-up to the next general election. considered manslaughter due to the lack of care given to him after he was arrested in Fel-From my point of view the tham, west London, last July campaign has already started," he said.

in connection with a car.

Mr John Burton, the coroner, referred the case to the
Director of Public Prosecutions at the conclusion of the

not be seen as an indication of an early election, some Con-servative officials found it difficult to recall being put on nine-day inquest.

The DPP said a police report on the affair had been under consideration for some such a footing so far from the likely date of the next election. time, but theycould not say There has been growing belief among Conservative strategists that the next poll when a decision on any further proceedings would be

During the inquest a pathologist said that Mr Mikkleson; aged 34, of Salters Road, north Kensington, died after head injuries caused by a truncheon had damaged his brain. Dr lain West, of Guy's hospital, south London, added that he would have survived longer if he had received treatment

earlier.
Dr West agreed that Mr Mikkleson could have been aspirating his vomit while lying on the ground during the arrest and was dying then. Another forensic scientist

Some say they are better nff

So far, none of about 70

They are eligible if they are nationals of nue of the six countries which have ratified the Council of Europe Convention on the transfer of sentenced persons and have at least six months of their sentences, excluding remis-sion, still to serve on the date the convention came into force.

The latest estimate is that

# Kinnock fights to limit damage over executive walkout

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

his political opponents to counter the electoral repercussions of the Labour Party's trouble-torn efforts to bring the Militant Tendency to heel.

Dr David Owen, leader of Owen, l

The citizens of Chichester giving the Queen a warm welcome on a walkabout yesterday after

she had handed out Maundy money to 60 men and 60 women.

**US** ships

pull back

from Gulf

of Sirte

From Christopher Thomas Washington

The United States ended

military mannevres off Libya yesterday, withdrawing its 30-ship Armada from Colonel Gadaffi's "line of death" with-

out further nitracks or threats

from Libya. The three-carrier group will remain in the

central Mediterranean for sev-

the operation was "definitely a

success". The manocuvres, which began on Saturday

night, were due to end next Tuesday but the White House clearly felt its point had been

"We have demonstrated

that we have the right to

operate in international

waters" the State Department

President Reagan tele-

phoned the Commander-in-Chief of the Sixth fleet in the

praise the servicemen for their

"You have sent a message to

ral Frank Kelsow on board the

suffered. "The fundamental principle of freedom of the

seas, so important to the

The Pentagon issued a revised tally of Lihyan losses in two attacks mounted by the US on Monday and Tresday.

It confirmed the destruction of

only two ships, contrary to earlier claims that four and

possibly five had been sunk.

Those destroyed were a French-made Comhattante

missile patrol boat attacked by

Navy A-7 planes on Monday,

and n Soviet-made Nanuchka

class missile patrol vessel

The Administration yester-

day urged Congress to speed up action on a \$4.3 billion plan

to boost security at the US embassies considered to be

particularly valuerable to ter-

In the US itself there has

been a noticeable increase in security at some main airports.

The Federal Aviation Admio-

istration advised airports and

airlines to be increasingly nware of the threat of terror-

ism inspired by Libya, but did

illegal Libyan attack."

sufficiently put.

White House officials said

the Social Democratic Party, said that Wednesday's events culminating in the collapse of after a walkout hy seven members of the national executive committee, underlined what the electorate most feared - the scale and depth of the penetration by the hard

left of the entire Labour Party. At the Fulham by-election, in the Commons and elsewhere, Conservative and Alliance politicians pounced with unconcealed delight to exploit

Labour's difficulties. But Mr Kinnock, whose Benn, Mr Erie Heffer and their five colleagues in thwarting the expulsions of the Militants was unabated, continued his efforts to demonstrate his grip the whole world that the United States has the will and, over the party and his deterthrough you the ability to over the party and his deter-defend the free world's mination to expel the Militant

interests" he told Vice Admi-After a long series of broad-casts on Wednesday trying to fleet's flagship, Coranado. He added that he was particularly pleased that no American losses had been limit the damage of the NEC disaster, Mr Kinnock yester-day ehallenged Militant sup-porters to leave the Labour Party and fight under their own colours, when they would economy and security of the free world, has been whiled in the face of a reckless and be "hammered by the Labour Party and hammered by the

British electorate". He said that the seven members who walked ont were a "very isolated minority" and were even smaller now as a result of their actions. He was expressing a

Mr Neil Kinnock struggled view held hy several of his yesterday against taunts from senior colleagues that the only good that might come out of the affair would be a further

ments who would normally back them are furious at their action and at least one, Mr the disciplinary hearing Eric Clarke, of the National against Liverpool's Militants Union of Mineworkers, is Union of Mineworkers, is thought likely to face a difficult fight to retain his NEC seat in the summer.

Mr Kinnock said in a BBC radio interview: "Those who walked out, mature people at least in years, know very well that what they did cannot do

anything to enhance our standing with the public.

• Liverpool's Militant activists who thwarted attempts to expel them from the Labour Party were last night threatening more embarrassment for the national leadership (Peter Davenport writes).

It was expected to come at a meeting of the temporary coordinating committee tive committee to run party affairs in the city during the district party's suspension.

Both Mr Tony Mulhearn. president of the district party, and Mr Derek Hatton, deputy Leader of the city council. have been elected as delegates to the 44-member committee.

It was expected last night that moves would be made to have Mr Mulhearn elected as committee chairman and that he would then try to recon-

vene the district party.

Last night he said: "The battle is far from lost. Right is on our side and we shall be fighting every step of the

#### bans wedding T-shirts By John Young

**Palace** 

**Easter** 

in the

sun for

**Britons** 

By John Young

many of them heading for Mediterranean resorts to escape the predicted and pre-dictable unsettled weather at

Heathrow airport yesterday had one of its husiest days.

with more than 100,000 passengers, compared with 75,000 on a normal day.

Things were not made any

easier by a security alert after

threats of reprisal attacks mo-tivated by the conflict between

the United States and Libya in

Police officers armed with

machine guns patrolled the airport corridors, and

plainclothes police and airline

security officers mingled with

the crowds, especially around Middle Eastern and American

But a work-to-rule by Cus-

toms staff, which it had been

feared might disrupt services, appeared to be having little

The home travel industry

also expected a humper Easter. The United Kingdom

Holiday Bureau, which repre-

sents the four domestic na-

tional tourist boards, said a

British Rail said it would be

However, those holidaying

in Britain were warned to

expect showery weather at best, and the RAC warned

motorists, and caravanners in

particular, to beware of high

Coach operators were less

ehullient, and there was still

plenty of room for would-be

operating oearly 300 extra

trains over the holiday.

winds.

the Mediterranean.

flights.

Unprecedented numbers of Britons will be spending the Easter break away from home.

Buckingham Palace became embroiled in controversy yes-terday over a decision to ban the use of royal portraits and emblems on T-shirts and other articles of clothing to com-memorate the wedding of Prince Andrew and Miss Sa-

rah Ferguson. The Lord Chamberlain. Lord Airlie, announced rules which go even further than those imposed at the time of the Prince of Wales's marriage to Lady Diana Spencer in 1981.

They specifically state that royal emblens and images may not be used on textiles and clothing, apart from hendscarves and wall

"It is the Queen's decision. She does not feel that T-shirts are n suitable place for rnyal phntographs. The wording has been changed in make it doubly clear that British firms should not make or sell such

-shirts." But within hours of the effect. Customs and Excise announcement a Cummuns officials said that contingency motion had been tabled urging arrangements had been made. the Palace to reconsider its

Max Madden, Labour MP for Bradford West, said the decision would "flash n signal in nverseas producers in cash in survey showed "a fantastic on a malti-million pound bo-boost" to holiday bookings. nanza with imported clothing bearing emblems, thus putting British cluthing manufacturers again in the position of

facing anfair fureign competition."
When the earlier ban was announced at the time of the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales, 71 MPs from all parties signed a Commons motion describing it as "an absurdity at a time of

hage anemplayment in the travellers. Additional coaches textile industry."

The British Textile Confeddessinations. hut commuter eration said it would mean the services will be reduced. plied by foreign companies.
Yesterday's Palace announcement says that souvenirs must be specifically related in the royal wedding, must be of a permanent unture.

Mr John Wyatt, chief ranger of the Lake District national park, warned visitors to be wary of conditions on the fells, His warning followed the death of Matthew Wall and death of Matthew Wall and

must be of a permanent nature, in good taste and carry no advertising or implication of feet down Helvellyn. royal custom or approval.

#### West Germany to join Star Wars research

Washington - The US and Defence Secretary, and Mr President Reagan's controver- Pentagon after months of sial strategic defence initiative negotiations.

(SDI) research programme Our Correspondent writes). West Germany becomes the second ally after Britain to considerable give and take

West Germany signed an Martin Bangemann. West agreement yesterday under German Economics Minister, which Bonn will take part in signed the agreement at the

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In talks with Mr Bangemann on Wednesday Mr Weinberger engaged in join the so-called "Star Wars" on defining Bonn's role in the project, which is hitterly op-posed by the Soviet Union.

Mr Casper Weinberger, the

Mr Casper Weinberger, the

# Only one decaffeinated coffee tastes as good as Nescafé Gold Blend\*



#### not recommend specific action. Russians explain, page? Office for the campaign. Continued page 2, col 2 There's no home like prison

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Life in a Kentucky prison is better than coming home for one Briton, who has rejected a

Airlines tread a fine line between profit or loss inone British, who has rejected a repatriation offer.

The prisoner, serving a five-year sentence, earns \$80 (£53) a month working in a prison office, equipped with n stereo set and television, where use is made of his fluent Spanish.

The Schreden wight men. creased traffic and lower fuel costs could help them survive the pressures of essential capiial spending and a highly competitive market-place Pages 22-25

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given up use of a sama and

swimming pool in a Swedish jail so that he can be near his wife and family.

Dent, now in overcrowded Wandsworth prison, London, has seen them for the first time for n year in which he had had no visitors at all. Mrs Dent said yesterday before a second

The Home Office said that a second prisoner, Peter Mal-colm, who was sentenced to five years in June 1984, had now been transferred in n jail here from Sweden.

Half of the inmates who have so far replied to a questionnaire sent hy the National Council for the Welfare of Prisoners Abroad do not want to return even although they may be eligible.

where they are, the Council

prisoners in jails here, who may be eligible, have been repatriated.

eligible prisoners include one costs. from Sweden, 11 from France, 33 from the US, 16 from Spain Journalists chapel is underand 16 from Canada.

# Express threat to close after Easter

By Peter Evans

close after Easter Monday's reach agreement. publications unless agreement is reached on a cost cutting package including 2,500 re-dundancies.

That was the warning given last night to staff in Loodon, Manchester and Glasgow hy Mr Roger Bowes, chief execu-

He said in a letter to them: "Despite the co-operation by the majority of chapels (office union hranches), we have not been able to secure the agreement for a number of chapels either to the new manning level or the new house

agreement. "I am sure you will understand that the company must meet its objectives in all areas because of the frailty of our position in the market-place.

The company will, there-fore, close following the publication of Easter Monday's titles, unless we have secured all the agreements by Monday night.
As you know, the en-

hanced early retirement and generous redundancy terms will also cease at that time." United Newspapers which recently took over Fleet Holdings, owners of the Daily Express, Sunday Express and The Star, have been trying to cut the 6.800 staff at Express Newspapers in a hid to reduce

THe National Union of stood to be among those

Express Newspapers will which have so far failed to Saying the proposed staffing levels were not viable, journal-

ists rejected plans to cut 160 of

their jobs. Sub-editors at the Daily Express are understood to have been unwilling to revert to a five-day week. After further talks between NUI negotiators and management being held last night a mandagory chapel meeting is planned for today. Since United took control

last October after a £317 million takeover battle, efficiency experts have been looking to see where cuts could be made.
Talks between the company

and all unions began at the start of 1986 on new manning levels and a new house agree-

It was hoped that by the end of March agreement would be reached on the shedding of 2,500 of the workforce and a return by all staff to a five-day instead of four-day week.

In return for a five-day week, the company offered a 5 per cent rise instead of the expected 3.5 per cent.

Redundancy proposals

would have eost the company an estimated £40 million.

They were described as generous." The management hoped the cuts would come from voluntary redundancies, non-re-placement of staff who left and

from early retirement. Wapping militants, page 2 لعلدًا منه للمل

suffer restrictive practices.

them into a single integrated

the 4,500 jobs being shed.
The National Union of

But there was no response, and already 700 staff have agreed to co-operate by cross-

ing from the old BRS compa-

Sir Peter Thompson, the

NFC chairman, said: "In an

employee-owned company,

decision the board has to take,

had not a single day's loss of work despite the TGWU call

is that we have communicated

in as humane a way as

loss for years, but in the end

the management plan had to be to merge the two business-es, retaining the greatest possi-

ble number of jobs, and with

director responsible for com-mercial vehicles, and Mr Tiny

Rowlands's Lonrho group are the only remaining bidders for

The possibility of a share

sale next year took on greater

significance after the collapse

of the GM talks. The BL board

had recommended that the

Government accept the GM

bid as being in the best commercial and industrial in-

killing

verdict

said she had found traces of

human blood on two police

The Coroner recorded that

Mr Mikkleson, who had been

taken to Hounslow police

station after being arrested.

and then transferred to the

West Middlesex Hospital

where he was certified dead,

Earlier Dr Burton advised

the jury on the possible ver-

He said unlawful killing would cover both murder and

manslaughter. Murder was

killing somebody deliberately,

while manslaughter could be related to the force used

He said that in considering

the first possibility of man-

stable Richard Peacock had

After retiring for two and a

half hours, the foreman of the

jury returned a verdict of

had been uplawfully killed.

dicts they could reach.

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truncheons.

whereas its youth training slaughter, the jury would have budget is between £925 mil- to decide whether police con-

tween 400,000 and 450,000 used reasonable force during

tbe arrest.

manslaughter,

Land Rover.

Land Rover sale

may be delayed

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

the takeover of the entire terests of the company. Directand Rover Leyland group it tors now feel that by choosing

might not sell Land Rover to one of the remaining bidders, anyone for the time being, they will be forced to recom-

few weeks against the immediate sell-off of its sought-after

Ownership'.

The mana

BL may decide in the next companies retained in BL

"We put up with the parcels

"I think the reason we have

ny to the new organization.

# 1,000 jobs to go at firm workers bought out

Britain's biggest worker buy-out, the £170 million National Freight Consortium. has had serious industrial troubles for the first time over plans to shed about 1.000 jobs.

The NFC board, some of whom are near-millionaires after share appreciation since the buy-out, wants the cuts to stop a £9 million a year loss on

The move has been opposed by the Transport and General Workers' Union representing the staff as workers; but has apparently been broadly apby staff as shareholders.

The staff paid the Government £53 million for the business in 1982.

In four years, the value of an original £1 share is now £22. Workers who bought an average £700 shareholding with the help of cheap company in 1982 now have

If the parcels loss were eliminated, as management hopes it will be next year after the rationalization, the value of a fl share would rise to about £30, and the average individual shareholding to more than £20.000.

The parcels difficulty goes back to before NFC was formed from parts of the former British Rail and British Road Services parcels

BR's part of it, National

Land Rover subsidiary, with the aim of staging a Jaguar-

Land Rover employees and the 65,000 individual private shareholders in BL would be likely to be given preference in

The possibility of a public

flotation of shares emerged

yesterday when the BL board

made clear that after the

collapse of negotiations with General Motors of the US for

In a letter to Schroder

Ventures, the merchant bank

acting for the Land Rover

management buy-out team,

wish to hold further discus-

sions with prospective buyers.

But this would be "before

recommending whether or not

any of the proposals received

are to be pursued or the

£25m plea

for adult

training

By Stepben Goodwin Political Staff

The Commons select com-

mittee on employment called

on the Government yesterday

to spend an extra £25 million

on training unemployed

adults.
The Manpower Services

Commission admits to being

strapped for cash" for adult

training, which lags far behind

the provision for young

commission's plan for 1986-

90, the committee expresses

concern at the disparity. "It is

depressing that mass unem-

ployment and skill shortages

The commission's witness-

es told the committee that

lion and £1.1 billion for be-

young people. the commission

is expected to manage with

£260 million for the training

requirements of about half!

that number of adults.

exist side by side," it says.

in a report on the

people.

style share sale next year.

#### **Fugitive** denies role in bomb attacks

the police in Ireland, yesterday denied any involvement in IRA bomb attacks in Britain. In an "open letter" pub-lished in Sinn Fein's weekly

newspaper, Republican News, Since NFC was formed the two businesses have contin- Miss Glenholmes said she had no intention of going to prison for offences she did not ued to lose money partly because they overlap and still After several attempts to

The letter gives no clue to keep both going, NFC management decided to merge her whereabouts, but in it she thanks the people of Dublin for supporting her after her release by a city court and during later incidents when business with about 1,000 of she was rearrested and shots were fired by a detective. Railwaymen representing

The letter said:"I do no NCL workers agreed to the merger, but the TGWU, reprewish to dwell on the shameful senting BRS Parcels, opposed it and called for industrial and negative aspects of the whole debacle except to repeat that I am being pursued for offences which I had nothing to do with.

"People will say that if have nothing to do with those offences then I would have nothing to fear if brought to court in England. "The truth is that I have

already been tried and convictthe need to make people redundant is the most difficult ed by the British and I have no intention of ending up like the Maguires, the Birmingham six, or the Guildford four, serving a sentence for some thing I was not involved in.
"Nor will I allow myself to

be used by FitzGerald and co. in their efforts to suck up to Margaret Thatcher." The letter goes on: "This letter is addressed mainly to well and done the whole thing the ordinary people of Ireland

and especially to the people of Duhlin who morally and physically supported me when needed help most. "The list is endless but

would particularly like to thank my 'other family', the people who gave me a home when I could no longer return to my own.

Detective in chase promoted

The anti-terrorist unit detective who fired three warning shots in the air in a crowded Dublin shopping street during the chase of Miss Glenholmes has been promoted.

Detective Christopher Powby Mr David Andrews, the BL

er, who two years ago was wounded in a gun battle with Dominic McGlinchey, the former INLA leader, is to become a nniformed sergeant.

Two for trial on bomb charge

two men from Northern Ireland were yesterday ordered to stand trial at the Central Criminal Court on charges connected with the planting of a bomb outside Chelsea Barracks, west Loudon, on November 11 last year.

mend the second-best option. Peter Couleth O'Loughlin, BL's individual shareholdaged 26, an unemployed carpeater, of St Jolian's Road, Kilburn, north London, and ers probably would welcome BL directors said they might shares in Land Rover. With Patrick Joseph McLaughian, aged 26, also unemployed, of Bracken Park, Gallagh, Lonthe Government owning 99.7 per cent of the company, they have had little, if any, say in donderry, were accused at Lambeth Magistrates' Court the way BL has been run. of conspiring with others to cause an explosion "likely to Their holding totals 25 million shares worth £12 million. endanger life or cause serious injury to property". Unlawful

Appeal against **Dutch ruling** 

The Dutch Prosecutor's Office yesterday appealed against the court ruling that IRA members, Brendan McFarlane and Gerard Kelly, cannot be extradited to Britain solely for their part in a 1983 escape from the Maze Prison, Belfast.

The court ruled out the escape as an extraditable offence, saying it was a political crime. The Dutch prosecutors want The Netherlands Supreme Court to decide what exactly are the limits in deciding what is a political crime.

Police alert for marches

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said yesterday that the Royal Ulster Constabulary would protect innocent people from provocation at Easter Monday's "loyalist" march at Portadown.

His remarks, in the Commons, reflected ministers' serious concern at the use to which hard-line Protestant elements will put the imminent march-

There is particular anxiety about this march



Mr Harry Pugh, Mayor of Spelthorne (third from left), making the first crossing after he had reopened the Shepperton-Weybridge ferry service yesterday. The ferry, last in service in 1960, restores the "royal walk," a 20-mile route along the Thames townath between the royal homes nt Windsor Castle and Hampton Court (Photograph: John Voos).

Countdown to abolition: 2

# Picking the flesh from the bones

Opponents of abolition said it would be impossible; yet the demolition of a complete tier of councils will go ahead. The Government said it

would save ratepayers' money from day one; but householders' bills will show no immediate savings.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environ-

ment, waxes lyrical saying that, "like Keats' nightingale, they will cease upon the midnight with no pain". But, only 10 days before abolition, the Staff Commis-

sion which the Government set up as a quango to oversee the transition arrangements

chairman, urged successor and facing surcharge and dis-councils. "Do what you can in qualification from office, is to the short time remaining be-fore the GLC and metropoli-board. tan councils are abolished to ensure that none of their employees are made redundant unnecessarily." Up to 1,000 staff have 1,300 are still seeking jobs,

"found themselves in the un-bappy position of not having a side to pay them off. Shef-

conneils to be abolished in the

north of England was marked

in contrasting style yesterday. In Greater Manchester, the

largest of the authorities out-

Council, all 1,400 County Hall

staff were invited to a farewell

party with roast ox, olde ale

county headquarters in West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire,

Merseyside and Type and

One officer at the South

Yorkshire council headquar-

Mr Nick Raynsford, the

Labour candidate in the Ful-

ham by-election, was on the

defensive yesterday after the

His Conservative and Alli-

ance opponents took advan-

tage of the Labour National

Executive Council's "shambles" and claimed that

Mr Neil Kinnock was losing

the battle against extremism

to expel 12 Militants, and see

as polling day on April 10

Militant purge fiasco.

and celebration

From Peter Davenport, Manchester

The last operational day of are no special events here, we

the five metropolitan county are going out in a blaze of councils to be abolished in the mediocrity."

side the Greater London silver medallions to mark their

week.

Wear as the removal men In farewell gestures the carried out files and furniture. county authority in Wakefield

ters in Barnsley said: "There new theatre in Leeds.

The Social Democratic Par- and failed to expel just 12

ty camp was cock-a-hoop over Militants. Mr Raynsford's half

Labour's embarrassing failure truths on extremism in the

it as a perfect issue to exploit exposed," he said.

The great carve up is nearing its end. From Tues- In the second of two articles. Colin Hughes looks at day, only the bones of strategic local government in England's six largest provincial conurbations will be left to pick over.

permanent job to go to be-cause of the tightness of the timetable, and various delays".

The most chaotic, predictably, is Merseyside, where at least 500 jobs will go because the three left-wing Labour district councils and two Con-servative districts started tackling abolition arrangements fate in the day, and found it impossible to agree.

Community groups predict another 1,000 job losses in the voluntary sector as funding

Confusion is bound to continue. Chairmanship of the new police and transport joint or employees, issued a boards have gone to Knowsley council, but Mr Derek Hatton, Sir Philip Woodfield, its deputy leader of Liverpool head the new fire service

In South Yorkshire, functions have been devolved to district councils as lead authorities, Only 251 staff out of

The last weeks have been

dominated by finding jobs. The 106 Greater Manches-

ter councillors will receive

service and the authority has

spent £1,700 printing certifi-

gave a grant of £2.6 million

towards the cost of building a

Fulham by-election

Labour rocked by Militant

events will probably transform the by-election," Mr Roger Liddle, the Alliance candidate, said.

leaflet circulated recently by Mr Raynsford in which he

said "the few extremists" in

the Labour Party were being

ty NEC ended in shambles

Labour Party bave been

Mr Matthew Carrington,

the Conservative candidate,

firmly dealt with.
"Yesterday the Labour Par-

Mr Liddle pointed to a

"I am confident yesterday's said the whole Labour cam-

cates for its staff.

field, Rotherham and Doncas ter councils have promised to find work for any left that want a job, and 400 bave gone to Barnsley council, where the County Hall is based, or to the police, fire and transport joint boards

The West Midlands councils started their preparations earlier than most, and had the advantage of a liaison committee already in existence to deal with issues affecting the seven districts.

But, as in Greater Manches ter, disputes have blown up over the chairmanship of the police joint boards. In both areas Labour nominees out-number Conservatives, but Conservative chairmen have been elected because unelected magistrates have voted for

The West Midlands carveup has also produced administrative lead authorities: Sandwell on fire, Dudley for police. Coventry for public

Privatization has saved control of Birmingham Interna-tional Airport and the West

Midlands Enterprise Board Midlands Enterprise Board.
Mr Gordon Morgan, chairman of West Midlands, says:
"This change in responsibilities will prove to be an extremely costly procedure."
West Yorkshire rate rises

have shown no improvement. In Bradford they will go up by 30 per cent from next week, and by 27 per cent in Kirkless, with councillors on both claiming that the rises are double because of abolition.

But the parcelling up of responsibilities has gone smoothly on the whole, in spite of a battle between Bradford and Wakefield for control over the police headquarters, eventually won by

Tyne and Wear says there is "no sign of the savings pre-dicted, or of any fewer staff being employed. Only 52 face redundancy, and the highest rate increase is 24.6 per cent, in Gateshead. There, too, lead authorities will take over functions.

Mr George Smith, Tyne and Wear's Conservative opposition leader, argues that the first year of abolition is too early to assess savings, and believes that the new system could eventually save up to £2

# Time of reflection Councillors angry at last fling report

From Craig Seton, Birmingham

hair down and sharing kisses. It led yesterday to Mr David

Bell, a reporter from the Birmingham Post and Mail, made of a complaint to the

and mulled wine last night.

But there was a more sombre, low-key mood at the other county headquarters in West vorkshire which met yesterday, held their final council meetings early this One in 10 of the 2,000 people employed at the council's Birmingham headquarters were still without new jobs as the authority completed its last week of

paign lay in ruins. "Mr Raynsford has tied himself to

Kinnock's coat tails and now

that Kinnock has been out-

flanked by the Left his claim

to moderation is clearly

In a damage limitation exer-

cise, Mr Raynsford said: "I

very much regret the behav-

iour of seven members of the NEC who in my view acted in

"It will simply postpone,

but it will not change, the

Outcome."
General Election: M. Stevens (C):
18.204: A. Powell (Lab) 13.41%; D. Rendel (L. All) 7.194; Miss J. Crimes (ECO) 27.8 Pearce (NF) 22%; J. Keals (Ind L. 172. C. Maj. 4.789.

an irresponsible way.

irrelevant."

A £5,000 "abolition party" business, but recruitment by at a Birmingham botel for the seven district authorities councillors and officials of the that take over most of the West Midlands County Coun- county's functions from next cil turned sour when a news- week has proved some of the paper published photographs worst fears unfounded. of local politicians letting their Some of the minority Con-

servative group conceded that the county's 2.6 million people had begun to appreciate the council's work, complainbeing barred from county hall ing only as it approached its and accusations of unprofesend that the region had lost a sional conduct, as threats were strong voice at a time of buge industrial decline and high unemployment. ..

Even so, the same Conscrvatives expressed regret that the authority's final bequest should be a spending spree, estimated at between £800,000 and £3 million.

#### George Davis charged with mailbag thefts

He was charged with steal-

a communication cord.

George Davis, aged 44, of east London, was remanded in police custody for two days vesterday when he made a brief appearance at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court after British Transport Police at Victoria station arrested him on a train from Brighton on Wednesday night

ing a quantity of mailbags and contents, belonging to the Post Office, on Wednesday, March 26, within the jurisdiction of the Central Criminal Court. Mr Davis, unemployed, of Cotall Street, Poplar, did not oppose the remand. Police are hunting a second man who escaped after pulling

# Hard left stirs up trouble and arms itself in Wap

approaches.

By Michael Horsnell

In the early bours of last Sunday at Leman Street police station in the east end of London senior officers surveyed the bric-a-brac of their night's work outside News International's new printing plant where n crowd of nearly 7,000 had staged one of the most violent demonstrations against the newspaper group since January, when 6,000 striking printers went on

strike and were dismissed. Weapons gathered from the streets included bricks, bottles and pieces of lead. The previous weekend a similar group of weapons was found, including shotgun cartridges. Inside the police station, about a mile from the plant, personal de-tails of the 59 people who had

been arrested were collated. rest included seven unemployed, three machinists, five students, a messenger, n driv- an Underground station. er, a trade union official (Mr Tony Dubbins, general secre-tary of the National Graphical

Association) a labourer, computer programmer, two man-surprised at the statistics beagers, two journalists, a cause fewer than 30 per cent of warehouseman, a technical instructor, shop assistant, side the plant so far have been railwayman, nurse, an income tax officer, n hospital ancillary worker, n researcher and photographer.

It is the print workers, however, who have been identified as being responsible for the recent spate of attacks on staff working at Wapping, including one man being smashed in the face with a

broken glass near the sioner Wyn Jones, in charge of has been the richest hunting company's former premises in policing in the East End, said: ground for the far left since the Only 21 were printers; the company's former premises in Gravs Inn Road and an attack with a sharp implement near

No one at Leman Street, from which officers are policing the biggest industrial dispute since the pit strike, was the 474 people arrested outprinters.

In the days which followed police braced themselves for the usual tirade from the far left alleging that they have anarchist Class War and Miliover-reacted in controlling demonstrators who have previously torn down sections of fencing and hurled crash barriers. Deputy Assistant Commis-

"Once again on an occasion where extreme violence is directed specifically at police officers the arrests indicate that most of those responsible have little to do with the trade unions involved in this

At times during the most violent moments of the nineweek dispute an estimated 25 per cent of the demonstrators have marched and picketed under the banners of the Socialist Workers' Party, the tant Tendency.

Despite the attempts of print union leaders to distance themselves from revolutionary groups, between whom there is a mutual hatred, the dispute miners' strike. Activists from the SWP and

the Revolutionary Communist
Party have sought to extract
political advantage from the
dispute by exploiting the difficulties of the unions which they want replaced by militant organizations based on the shopfloor.

Meanwhile the Communist Morning Star newspaper has necessed the TUC of being "wenk-kneed" over the Wnpping affair, castigated Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary. It said: "The rank and file most take up the cudgels from today".

At least 14 printers' support groups, encouraged by the SWP, have sprung up in the

London area to raise money and mobilize picketing, at least some of them reconstituted from people who ran miners' support groups during the pit strike.

Miners have been prominent in marches to the Wapping plant and joining the picket lines, with delegations of teachers, students, trades councils and local government

This month Mr Jack Collins, the Kent miners' secretary, attended a conference of 400 trade unionists at Poplar Civic Centre organized by The News Line, the organ of the Redgrave-Healy faction of the Workers Revolutionary Party.

Other Trotskyist groups, such as Militant and Socialist

Action, have continued to work within the Labour Party and TUC framework for "massive industrial solidarity" to combat News International. Last Saturday, the newly formed National Union of

Journalists "Broad Left"

group held its inaugural meeting at Conway Hall, London. Appeals for a £5 membership fee, we hope those who are well paid will contribute more", were made by Mr Bob Mckee, acting secretary, who as publications editor at a firm of London chartered accountants, is a freelance member of the NUJ. The group seeks amalgamation with other newspaper unions in the wake of the NUJ's "failure to act effectively in the Wapping struggle".

## 'Fergie' protest at Maundy service

From Alan Hamilton Chichester

Four youths were arrested hortly before the Queen arrived in Chichester for the traditional Royal Maundy service yesterday. They had dis-Miss Serah Ferguson as a narasite".

But they sounded the only arring note on a day when the Juken went on walkahour among a 15,000-strong city centre crowd and had so many bunches of daffodils and tulips ressed on her that her enton rage was brought up by police officers bearing bulging arm-

Tight security surrounded the visit, not only to screen coin dealers who in past years have harassed recipients of the Maundy Money into parting with their specially minted

Yesterday, 128 elderly reresterousy, 1.00 enerty recipients - a man and a woman for each year of the Queen's age - lined the cathedral aisles to be presented by their sover-eigh with a red and a white leather recent

leather pouch.
One contained £5.50 in ordinary coinage: £3 for clothing, £1.50 for provisions and £1 for £1.50 for provisions and £1 for the redemption of the royal gown, a custom rooted in a time when queens gave a discarded frock to the poorest woman of the diocese. The other contained 60p in Mann-dy Money, again reflecting the Oneon's non-

Queen's age.
There was a time when the monarch washed the feet of the poor, reflecting Christs washing of the Disciples' feet. The criterion for receipt of the royal favour is now to have rendered Christian service to charch and community. And there are no ablations. The choice is made by rural deans, and is no longer confined to

Anglicans. Yesterday Bishop Cormac Murphy O'Connor, the Roman Catholic Bishop ol Acundel and Brighton, and leading local Methodist and Baptist churchmen, joined the main church procession for the first time in the presence of the Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

Chichester's 300-year-old organ, newly restored at a cost of £250,000, graced the service with Handel's anthem Zadok the Priest, as television cameras made the first live outside broadcast of the ceremony.

#### Spy charge man bailed

a retired US payal commander who is charged under section seven of the Official Secrets Act, was allowed bail by Bow Street magistrates yesterday with two sureties of £10,000 until April 24. Mr Bothwell, of St James's

Square, Bath, is charged with preparing to communicate information, which, may have useful to an enemy.

#### Guidelines on child workers

New guidelines are being prepared by the Government for checking the criminal background of people seeking work with children in the

public services. They will improve arrangements for reporting convictions for offences committed after engagement. Arrangements to cover the voluntary and private sectors will follow later.

## **BBC** walkout

Thirty-five BBC vision mixers walked out on 24-hour strike yesterday, but the corporation said Easter programmes would not he affected. 235 jobs go

Two hundred and thirty-five jobs are to go at the Chicpac poultry processing plant in Carlisle, Cumbria, because the management says it would cost too much to modernize .

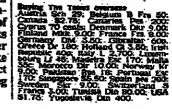
#### Bone girl dies Alison Palmer, aged 17, who had bone cancer, has died at her home at Wilson Street,

Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, a month after receiving n Children of Achievement award for fighting the illness. £27m loans The Stratkelyde region of Scotland is to get £27 million

in loans from the European

#### Investment Bank for water, sewerage, roads and rail projects. Premier jobs

The Manpower Services Commission has made a £170,000 offer for the former grocer's shop home of Mrs Margaret Thatcher at Grantham, Lincolnshire, to turn it into a training base for obless youths.



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Check on

patients'

drinking

advised

By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

advised to question patients suspected of having a drink

problem as a routine part of

The suggestion comes after a study which showed that more than a quarter of men and women admitted as acute

cases to a London hospital

were found to have conditions

linked with excessive drinking. Most of the patients did not

show obvious signs of alcohol-related illness, but a screening

system in which patients are

asked about their drinking habits could help prevent serious physical and psycho-

logical problems, it is

suggested.
The results of the study are

published in this month's issue of the Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine. Its editorial said: "Alcohol is an important contributory factor

in a large proportion of acute

bol consumption by means either of a quantity-frequency scale, or a detailed history of

the past week's drinking should be adopted as a routine

part of medical assessment.

this kind is simple and inexpensive. Not only can it

increase the identification of

patients at risk because of

their drinking, but it may also encourage physicians to give patients advice."

Although more research was

necessary, such an approach

held "considerable promise"

for the prevention of irrevers-

ible drink-related problems. In the study at St Charles Hospital, west London, 28 out

of 104 emergency admissions

were thought to have been due

to alcohol consumption.

Among those not showing

classical symptoms, nine were found to have taken deliberate

drug overdoses combined

Six had chest infections or

complaints in which self-ne-

glect because of alcohol was

suspected of being a contribu-

tory cause. Psychological diffi-

culties related to drinking were suspected in two others.

men, and 44 women. Twenty

eight per cent of the men and

20 per cent of the women bad

drunk more than the equiva-

lent of 20 measures of spirits

or 10 pints of beer in the week

before being admitted to

Sixty of the patients were

with alcohol.

"A screening procedure of

"Detailed inquiry into alco-

admissions to hospital.

Hospital doctors are being

More caught in credit trap

# First-time home buyers pay the price of debt

Thousands of first-time home buyers are becoming hopelessly entangled in mounting debt, unable to cope and losing their homes, according to a Shelter report

published yesterday.
This week Miss Irene O'Cornor became one of them, adding to the increasing numbers creating mounting alarm among financial institutions, government legislators and voluntary bodies burried-ly set up to help those caught

On Tuesday Miss O'Connor, of Cowper Street, Luton, lost a long legal battle to save her home after failing to repay a bridging loan she had taken out to cover sub-

stantial mortgage arrears and other pressing debts.
She thereby joined almost 11,000 people whose homes were repossessed in similar circumstances last year - a four-fold mcrease in misery since 1979.

In the Court of Appeal, Lord Justice Dillon said he was troubled by his "prima. facie view that the credit

bargain was extortionate".

The judge helped to high-light a problem that consumer associations are treating as a national crisis by referring the finance company involved to the Office of Fair Trading, after learning that the annual rate of interest on the loan was

which extended the £11,000 loan and which will now take possession of the house valued at more than £22,000, firmly rejected the implied criticism and suggested that the judges were not familiar with credit

The normal market rate for short-term bridging loans is 4 per cent per month, hence 48 per cent per annum.

The sale 📚

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'It was not extortionate. It was fairly high, but was adequately justified by the high risks and costs involved", Mr ... Phillips told. The Times. Mr Phillips correctly assert-

7 in court

on soccer

charges

Seven men aged between 22 and 35 appeared at West London Magistrates Court

yesterday charged with affray and conspiracy to cause affray

after police investigations into

. Their appearances came af-

ter dawn raids on homes on

The charges arise from inci-dents in Liverpool, Birming-ham and London last

All seven were remanded in

custody until April 3 by Mr

David Fairbourn, stipendiary

The seven defendants were Terry Last, aged 23, a solicitor's clerk, of Bow, east London; Sean O'Farrell, aged 33, an engineer, from Carishalton, Surrey; Ste-phen Hickmott, aged 30, self-ermioyed, of Tumbridge Wells, Kent; Dale Robin Green, aged

Kent; Dale Robin Green, aged 24, a Royal Navy cook, of Eastcote, west London; Douglas Welsh, aged 22, a plasterer's mate, of Crawley, West Sussex, Vincent Russell Drake, aged 22, a painter, of Brixton, south-west London; and William Lloyd

George Reid, aged 24, n hospital porter, of south-east London.

No addresses were given. Last, O'Farrell and Reid are

Charged with causing an affray at Diana Street, Liverpool, on December 10, last year.

Hickmott, Drake and Welsh are charged with conspiracy to

cause an affray in Birmingham on December 21, last year.

Last and O'Farrell are charged with the same offence on the same date, also in Birmingham.
O'Farrell faces a charge of conspiracy to cause an affray in London on December 28.

Hickmost and Drake are charged with conspiracy to cause an affray in the greater London area last December.

London area last December.

All seven are charged with conspiracy to cause an affray between December 9, 1985, and March 25 this year, within the jurisdiction of the Central Criminal Court.

Football thug

led charge

on the police

jailed for four months yester-day after a wild charge on police during fighting between

rival football supporters.

Kelly, a decorator, of Oare,

Faversham, Kent, was con-victed at Clerkenwell Magistrates Court of using

threatening behaviour in a clash with West Ham

As police tried to separate

the groups at Euston Station Kelly, a Manchester United

supporter, yelled; "Come on, let's get them. It's only the Old

Mr Jeffrey Bayes, for the defence, said. "He gets carried

away when with a crowd."
But Mr Christopher Bourke

the magistrate, told Kelly:

The time has come for a stop

to be put on this ferocious

followers.

Shaun Kelly, aged 22, was

The seven defendants were:

football violence.

.Wednesday.

December.

ed that the court had the authority and the duty to

The casualties The statistics of the growing problem of debt, and its casu-

More than one million com-cit house tenants were behind with their rent in 1984. In

London the figure was 350,000. Their arrears were estimated at £240 million. Building society mortgages 6-12 months in arrears rose from 8,420 in 1979 to 41,900 in 1984, and property repos-sessions from 2,530 to almost

Actions for repayment of bank and finance house loans have tripled since 1980, and 1.5 million electricity users

and one million electricity users and one million gas consumers are having serious difficulty paying bills.

Since 1979, outstanding shop credit and hire purchase debts have outstripped new credits issued each year.

Finance house accounts Finance house accounts

with two or more payments in arrears rose from 5 per cent in 1979 to 7 per cent in 1984. The real value of total debt in the country increased by 50 per cent from 1981 to

£22 billion last year. Sources: National Consumer Council, Audit Commission, Building Societies Associa-tion, Finance Houses Association, OFT.

reopen the loan agreement Mr Ivan Phillips, a director and to determine easier repayor of Castle Phillips Finance ments if it adjudged its terms extortionate or unfair.

The fact that it did not do so is evidence that this was not the case." be said. Mr Phillips also rejected

Miss O'Connor's statement that she had not understood the contract, saying that she and the man living with her had signed an agreement set out in clear, concise and nonlegalistic terms.

A spokesman for the Office

of Fair Trading, which over-sees consumer credit legislation and supervises trading licences, commented: "It may

By Nicholas Timmins

Social Services

Correspondent

Growth in private health care will practically cease soon

if the increasing cost of private

according to Mr Roy Forman,

chief executive of Private

Patient's Plan, Britain's sec-

ond largest health insurer. The

increase in private bospital charges and doctors' fees has

been running far beyond the rate of inflation in recent years, Mr Forman said.

His comments, in a paper to

the Industrial Society, follow similar warnings at the end of last year from Mr Bob Gra-

ham, chief executive of Bupa,

Britain's largest health insur-

er, who told private bospitals

that they were in danger of "killing the goose which lays

Mr Forman said:"If that

increase is not moderated

soon and sizeably, the net

growth of the private health care sector in the UK will be

very small because many ex-

isting subscribers will be un-

able to go on affording the cost

He added that the insurers.

Thief caught

by £700 in

small change

The £700 in one and two pence pieces that a man stole

weighed so heavy that the exhaust of his getaway car

Police arrested Timothy

Gardner, aged 21, mem-ployed, of Marine Road, Pensarn, Abergele, when he had to stop for repairs.

Magistrates in Abergele, North Wales, were told yester-day that Gardner had stolen the money from a local amuse-

ment arcade to pay for the

mkeep of his car.

Mr Gwyn Davies, for Gardner, described it as an "unpro-

fessional and ridiculous

Sentence was adjourned for

a fortnight, and Gardner, who

admitted burglary and theft, was allowed bail.

burghary".

of insuring themselves."

the golden eggs".

of private health

The advice

Compare one deal with another by using the annual percentage rate of charge (APR) - basically the interest

and other charges made for providing the credit.

•Calculate outgoings on a weekly or monthly basis, and whether there is enough left over to meet repayments, as well as a reserve for emergen-

OList credit sources and consider which type is preferable; watch for anyone offering interest-free credit; make sure there are no hidden charges. OUse reputable companies; an OFT licence is necessary for almost all who offer credit or hire to the public.

•Read carefully and under-stand the credit agreement, and check all figures, before signing: it is legally binding. •A second loan to pay off debts should be avoided.

Do not take out a second mortgage to pay off debts without knowing the risks: it could mean losing your home. \*Shop Around For Credit, Office of Fair Trading, Field House, 15-25 Bream's Buildings, London EC4A 1PR, or from local citizens' advice humany and Trading advice bureaux and Trading

Standards departments.

annual interest rates in excess of 1,000 per cent. Mr Michael Montagu, the chairman of the National Consumer Council, sounded

the alarm at a conference on

consumer debt last January

when he said: We are all potential debtors now. Our society runs on credit. The two million claims against debtors which are pursued through the county courts each year in England and Wales are just the tip of the iceberg.

Why is it happening, who is to blame and what can be done about it? Opinions among the experts vary, alsound bke an extortionate though there is general agree-rate, but it is not unusual. We ment that rising unem-have come across cases of ployment, marital difficulties

such as PPP, were likely soon

to have to take much tougher action against commercial

hospitals that charge insured

patients more than uninsured

He also criticized doctors

who, he said, admit patients

unnecessarily to private bospi-

tals when day surgery or out-patient treatment could be

provided; and hospitals and

doctors who overcharge or

keep patients in hospital for

Mr Forman said in the paper that the United States

government imposed price re-

and doctors because it foots

much of the bill, but no such

action was likely in Britain.

were likely to develop fitness

assessment, occupational health and "stay well" pro-grammes among forward-

thinking employers, with discounts for non-smokers a

Packages were likely to be

where charges

possibility.

The provident associations

unnecessarily long periods.

and widespread ignorance about credit practices are im-

Sir Gordon Borrie, the di-rector of the Office of Fair Trading, points the finger at credit card companies, retail-ers and others for going to what he terms absurd lengths in marketing their services and then entering into irre-sponsible deals with financially insecure clients

There should be less ambitious rhetoric about expanding home ownership. The potential borrower should be more wary about the steady drip of over-encouragement to borrow that comes from so many quarters."

A report by Shelter issued yesterday confirmed that many first-time home-buyers were ending up heavily in debt, partly through being misinformed or duped by morigage brokers. Sir Gordon also called on

the Government and finance houses to belp the casualties by supporting voluntary bodies such as the Birmingham Settlement Money Advice Centre, which counsels hardpressed debtors.

A spokesman for the Na-tional Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux said its offi cers were receiving about half a million inquiries a year about debt problems, and he expected the demand to increase with growing unem-

Mrs Elizabeth Stanton, the chairman of an NCC working party on the problem, believes the existing law and practice on debt recovery is harsb, haphazard and inefficient. She has suggested a network

of enforcement officers along the lines of the Northern Ireland Enforcement Office. which would bring together creditors and debtors to work out a just and bumane way of repaying debts.

Mrs Stanton adds a qualifying footnote: "It's important to keep the problem in perspective. Most people use credit at some time in their lives. Most pay off their commitments without

#### Warning on costs Call to end BT phone monopoly

Rivals to British Telecom are calling for its monopoly to install telephones

Equipment suppliers and manufacturers have told the telephone watchdog, Oftel, that the public would get a better deal with competition. Installation prices would be

cat by a quarter and more choice would allow users to shop around for best prices, the dealers claimed. It is thought open competi-tion would exert considerable pressure on British Telecom to

straints on private hospitals installations. Offel is considering several options, which include allowing British Telecom to install main telephone wiring but npening up the extension mar-

ket to competition. There are four million homes which have not been wired for a telephone, but there is a growing market for

extensions. Another option is to restrict competition to a number of qualified and licensed suppli-

offered where employees were fully covered only if they used hospitals on a preferred list ers, ensuring that telephones were are properly connected to the British Telecom network.

# Secretary's spending spree ends in iail

A private secretary spent being at work all day, Mr £34,000 which she had stolen Solley added. from ber boss's expense account, a court was told vesterday.

Jacqueline Donald-Edmunds, aged 29, "spent and spent" on her bome and family, Mr Stephen Solley, for the defence, told the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

She paid £5,000 for a fitted kitchen at ber bome in Clar-ence Road, Bickley, Kent, thousands more on carpets and bought "bundreds" of clothes for ber two children, aged three, and aged six

Donald-Edmunds, whose busband is unemployed, felt that providing "little luxuries"

Mr John Reekers, for the prosecution, said Donald-Ed-

munds worked at the City office of the Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, earning £10,000 a year as a

had been "a dynamie man" Her boss travelled widely before the accident, but was and she filled his expenses, pocketing £34,000 in 11 now frustrated by having to months. Donald-Edmunds, who ad-

mitted 27 offences of theft, was jailed for 15 months. Judge Robert Lymbury, QC, told her: "People should not have the idea that simply because an offender is a young woman with children they can - including a jeep - for ber get away with crimes like family would compensate for this."

sleep after lunch. Because Mr Nicholl, of Beech House, Kingerby, Lin-eoinshire, refused an out-of-court offer of £125,000, he was

ordered to pay the estimated £30,000 legal costs since the offer was made in February. The award was made against two drivers involved in the collision in 1978.

The trust new plays a hig role in world conservation and has been responsible for saving many species of wildfowl from extinction at the same time as restroducing some species to their natural



hallow the martyrdom in the north-west transept at evensong tomorrow.

# Girl killer to be detained for life

A girl aged 16 who took "horrifying revenge" and killed a middle-aged man she believed had raped her, was ordered yesterday to be detained for life.

The girl left the Central Criminal Court in London clutching two teddy bears after being described as "a great danger to the public". She poisoned her victim.

forcing him to swallow 40 drug tablets, battered him with a wooden mallet as he lay unconscious and then left him dying in bis hlazing flat. Judge Robert Lymbery QC, said that the girl, whom he ordered should not be identi-

fied, was suffering from a severe psychopathic disorder. Doctors forecast that she would remain a threat to the public for some considerable

Secretary and medical au- the night. When she awoke. thorities to decide "when, if counsel said, she found her released".

Judge Lymbery said: "She is in fact a casualty of ber own upbringing, deprived of all the loving, caring, and suitable attention as a child."

Crash man

can't stop

sleeping

Mr Walter Nicholl, an 18-

stone inventor, became a sleeping giant after being in-

Every midday Mr Nicholl is

beset by an overwhelming

Mr Nicholl's sleeping sickness — known as "sleep apnoea" — is so regular that,

when he came to give evi-dence in his High Court claim for damages, he had to leave

the witness box at midday

and resume the next

morning Yesterday, a judge awarded £29,807 damages to Mr Nicholl, aged 61, whose firm designed innovative car

But Mr Justice Turner held that Mr Nicboli would proba-bly have developed the afflic-

tioo and that his crash injuries

brought the condition forward

Mrs Willa Nicholl told the

judge that her 6ft lin busband

by three years.

jured in a car crash.

desire to sleep.

The girl, from west London. admitted the manslaughter of Mr Sammy Mootoosamy, aged 56, an unmarried chef, of Horn Lane, Acton, west London. The plea of not guilty to murder was accepted on the ground of diminished respon-

Mr Micbael Connell. QC. for the defence, said that the girl, a former undertaker's assistant, complained to police of being raped in Ealing two weeks before the killing hut there was insufficient evidence to charge the man, not Mr Mootosamy, she named.

Mr Connell said that sh asserted that she had killed Mr Mootosamy because he raped her while she slept on a mattress at his flat.

She went to his home on October 11 last year, and It would be for the Home accepted his offer of a bed for clothes awry.

> Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, told the court that the girl came from a broken home and had suffered "considerable violence and

Britain's uldest postman Mr Sid Smith, aged 75, who delivers mail to Osea Island off the Essex coast, lost his job

Mr Smith, of Tolleshunt D'Arcy, said: "They say I am retiring, but they are sacking me. I feel fit as a fiddle and could go on for another 10

But a Post Office spokesman said Mr Smith was being retired "because we feel responsible for him and are worried he might be taken ill in an isolated spot".

For the past 20 years Mr Smith, a part-time postman, has driven half a mile over a river Blackwater.

He said: "I get £57 a week and provide my own van. I was promised the job for life. It scans everything in me.

Mr Smith delivered the mail-and sometimes groceries and medicine as well-within four hours, when the tide came in. Once he was cut off and had to be rescued by boat.

#### Last post for oldest mail man

causeway at low tide to deliver mail to 12 houses on the sland, in the estnary of the

# Severe gales and cold destroy early crops

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent Horticultural growers have damage but claims were suffered thousands of pounds streaming in. worth of damage from this week's severe gales. They are Elsewhere, fruit, vegetables and arable crops have been

among the more notable vicaffected by the bitterly cold tims of a winter that has taken weather last month. The subzero winds shrivelled the plants in the frozen soil. its toll of the farming industry and which has destroyed or Many fields bave been flooded by heavy rain. Plani-Glassbouse owners and employees in the Vale of Eve-

ing of early potatoes in Cornwall has been hampered. The British Farm Produce Council said vesterday that spring cabbage, greens and cauliflowers were all likely to be scarce over Easter.

Aids carrier acquitted in spitting case A young mother with the Aids (acquired immune defi-

ciency syndrome) virus was acquitted yesterday of spitting in the face of a store detective. Rachel Townsley, aged 24, of Bucbanan Street, Edinburgh, a heroin addict, was found not guilty of recklessly spitting in a store detective's face to his danger, knowing that she was an Aids virus carrier and that such a condition was transmitted by body

Sheriff William Hook accepted a defence objection that a previous conviction had been disclosed during the trial contrary to the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975.

He acquitted Townsley on the spitting charge, but sentenced her to six months in jail for stealing a purse and for other theft charges.

It was Townsley's theft of a purse that led to her being held for questioning by Mr Michael McConnachie, a store detec-

#### Computer tests for RAF entry

sham were unable to work

throughout Monday because

of the danger from flying glass. A National Farmers' Union

official said it was too early to

assess the full extent of the

retarded crops.

By Bill Johnstone **Technology Correspondent** 

The 8,000 young hopefuls every year who have ambi-tions to fly with the RAF will have their aptitude tested by computer, instead of the pencil and paper examinations used by their predecessors. The computer tests will also

assess characteristics in applicants which might have taken vears to determine.

The RAF has developed the tests to be run at the Officers and Aircrew Selection Centre at Biggin Hill, Kent. The tests are able to measure the ro sponses of a candidate by the speed with which a question is tackled, gauge the ease by which he learns and how good is his memory.

The computer aptitude tests, now 11 but soon to be expanded to 24, can determine an applicant's potential to master the controls of a jet. operate the electronics, manage air traffic, interpret radar pictures and give the correct orders if co-ordinating a

The RAF said the tests have generated interest overseas. particularly within Nato.

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THOMAS LLOYD, ARE PROPRIESTATE, TREOFCH SWALES CHARGO.

shire which he set up in 1946 to study and swans as well as having the largest collection of flamingoes in the world. wild geese. In the same year he founded the Wildfowl Trust. Bill Oddie, former star of The Goodies, was on hand in collect the first returned To mark the anniversary, HTV West has made a documentary for Channel 4, forms from a group of schoolchildren, some of 1,000 who have taken part in Over the years the trust has attracted millions of visitors to the Slimbridge site Slimbridge the Sanctuary on the Severa, which will be shown on Sanday, April 6. and six other sanctuaries around Britain. Wildfow Watch 86 - a project aimed at building a comprehensive picture of Mr Mike Ounsted, the curator, said: "We hope that by visiting the trust's Britain's wildfowl population. The Easter chicks were not in force at

Wildfowl sanctuary's 40th birthday What began as a "rosy dream" in the mind of artist and naturalist Sir Peter Scott yesterday celebrated its fortieth more aware and caring." Sir Peter, who has dedicated his life to the preservation and painting of wild fowl, said: "It all began as a rosy dream. I Sir Peter, along with comedian and amateur naturalist Bill Oddie, was at Britain's oldest and biggest wildfowl sanctuary at Slimbridge in Gloucestercame here to study geese and I just knew

it was the place." Now it has grown into a unique sanctuary for thousands of geese, ducks

# Geoffrey Smith talks to the Prime Minister about her past record and her future plans

# 'Where we are going from here'

In one of the most remarkable and wide-ranging interviews of her premiership, Mrs Margaret Thatcher discusses some of the areas in which Conservative governments, present and future, can push forward: education - freer choice, labour relations - new responsibilities for both sides, "popular capitalism" - new shareowning opportunities for more people, disarmament - new realities. "We have not," she says firmly. "lost our sense of direction."

Geoffrey Smith:

An impression has been created, after the Westland episode, that the Government has become either accident-prope or has lost its sense of direction and momentum. Can I ask you about one or two of these episodes in turn? First of all, the ture of British Leyland.

The Government has not lost its strength, has not lost its direction, has not lost its momentum, and you had only to take one look at the Budget to know that, Inflation is coming down, we are bringing direct taxation down, we are privatizing more, we are in fact getting popular capitalism — all of that. We are very active in foreign fields, in foreign affairs. We have in fact kept our defences up. We have in fact added and allocated a great deal more to law and order and we are getting people involved more and more through neighbourhood watches. We are active as ever in Europe. We have lived up to our priority on putting more into the health service.

So we have not lost our sense of direction or momentum or intention and we are going on in precisely the same way. So that is that one. Now what was the question which did not depend upon that at all?

First of all, do we assume now that any possibility of General Motors buying British Leyland is now dead, and if that is so, is this not a case of the Government actually being pushed off course by its own back-benchers?

It is still the Government's intention to privatize British Leyland. May I make that perfectly clear. And everything that I have been through the last few weeks about British Leyland reinforces my view that governments ought not to be involved in this kind of decision or this kind of negotia-

Nevertheless, when the negotiations with General Motors became public - and it is very difficult to do commercial negotiations in the full glare of publicity - there was a very sharp reaction. Reactious of that kind are something which I think you cannot ignore. There was a very sharp reaction about one particular part. As you know, we were very anxious to try also to consider not only Land Rover, Range Rover, but also the position with regard to the production of lorries and trucks. There is enormous · overproduction in this country and in Europe. Sooner or later, that business will have to be

We took steps in what we thought would be a very good rationalization, but it became painfully clear that General Mo-tors would not go ahead with the lorries and trucks rationalization unless they also had Land Rover and Range Rover. The negotia-tions with General Motors were not successful because they were not prepared to rationalize the lorries and trucks unless they had Land Rover and Range Rover and feeling is running very strong.

But the British Leyland Board has surely indicated that the complete deal with General Motors would actually have been the best? Do you think that is correct?

Yes, I think that their view on a commercial basis was a view they held totally and they did not have to be influenced by other factors as we have to be influenced by other factors, and the statement they put

out indicated that they were sorry that the General Motors' offer had not been accepted in its entirety by the principal shareholder which, of course, is the Government. That was their view on a commercial basis. When Government, on behalf of the people, owns these

shares, we have to take other factors into account as well, but we cannot wholly ignore a commer-cial basis. That is why we tried for a long time to find a compromis Now, the only other factor which I should perhaps mention is that, as you know, Mr Graham Day is going to take up the chairmanship fairly soon, I think in a few weeks, and it may be that the British Leyland Board, in reaching its decision, will also wish to involve him, because after all, he is going to be the person who is going to be chairman of the company and will be charged with the duty of finding the best way ahead.

Now can I move on to Ireland. Do you think that the Glenholmes affair is going to make it more difficult to secure a satisfactory ent in Northern Ireland?

What has happened is of enormous concern to us all and when something like this suddenly bursts on the world, again feelings run very very high and there is a temptation to say things of a kind which you are hinting at, which you cannot really mean because you know full well that what we have arranged long-term is the best way ahead if we can bring it

And what I am saying is that when these things happen, we feel just the same way as most other people about them but, equally, we have to say: "Well now, look! Keep calm. Don't dash into anything which may put the longterm objectives in jeopardy!". And that I still say.

"We must not let the strong feelings run away with us on this particular thing, because the Angio-Irish Accord is, I am certain, the best way.

How far are you now planning for a third term?

A lot of the work that we are doing now will be for legislation when we return. For example, we call it "popular capitalism". It has only ust got started.

How much further can you take it? Quite a long way. There are far more people who would like to own their own homes. The numbers of people who own shares and have their own little bit of independence are still too few, and that can go a great deal further.

In about 25 years' time there will be quite a lot of people, who will be inheriting something, because for the first time we will have a whole generation of people who own their own homes and will be leaving them, so that they topple like a cascade down the line of the family, leaving to others not only their homes but some of their shares, some of their building society investments, some of their national savings certificates -only on a higger scale than ever

The overwhelming majority of people, who could never look forward to that before, will be able to say: "Look, they have got something to inherit. They have got a basis to start on!" That is tremendous. That is popular



When one takes this phrase "popular capitalism", one is look-ing at home ownership, one is looking at shares ownership.

You are looking at the levels of taxation too. There has been a rather shallow debate which has attempted to pot as alternatives more public expenditure and less taxation, and it has tended to put those alternatives in the way that public expenditure is moral and leaving people more of their own money in their own pockets is not so good. Now that is absolute nonsense, total and ntter

A person in my constituency put it absolutely right to me in 1979: "Mrs Thatcher, we have got to vote for you in order to get the centre back to the middle because the centre has gone so far to the left. The government is doing far too much and not leaving us enough control over our own

Governments ought not to run industries, but at the end of this Parliament, when we have got everything privatized that is now going through in legislation and if we get British Airways privatized, we will be back to the same the public sector as it did in Harold Macmillan's time.

Are you going to be able to put on the menu for the general election for ther proposals for privatization?

Steel is one obvious one that will come up and then we will have to have a look at others, but we have got quite a way to go.

Are you going to have to accept that there is a bard core of the public sector that cannot be privatized and if so, what is going to be done with that? What about the railways, for example? The railways are quite difficult, but we have already done quite a

lot. There are lots of subsidiaries of railways, like hotels, which

have been privatized. There is a lot of land owned by railways which can be sold off and privatised. There are a lot of things that railways do that can be privatized, their catering and so

You will not forget that keeping the finances of Britain on a sound, prudent, well-managed basis is what people tend to take for granted, but it is crucial. What will be the new directions?

What about rent control? We will have to free up the rent control sector. Things that are vacant and things that have never been let, which will be coming on to the market for the first time. I think we will have to take steps to free these and we would put that in our manifesto.

At the moment we have got assured tendancies as you know; those can be freed from rent control. That is where you build with approval and then you get an sured tenancy and it is rent-free. We are going a little bit further, improved assured tenancy, improving property.

This would take place after the next election rather than before? That is right. Also, I think many of improvements to council blocks so that they can be sold.

What about education? remain extremely worried about it, particularly in the inner cities. I know that some people in the shire counties are extremely satisfied with the education that they are getting. I know that there are other people who are very concerned,

even in some of those places, with a lot of political indoctrination, but what really concerns me is the inner cities and some of the things which I learned there from parents and from pupils, where undoubt-edly the education is not up to the standard which most parents not only expect but are entitled to Now Keith, as you know, is

trying to do great things about having a proper curriculum for youngsters, about making certain that they do not give up subjects which might be quite critical to them in their later life. I wish to goodness we still had more direct grant schools and I will tell you

There are some children whom the large comprehensive schools do not suit. You go from a comparatively small primary school, where you are quite happy; the size is within your perception: within your consciousness, and then at a most vulnerable time in life you get catapulted into a big school and some children never settle down. But there is no choice. They cannot get to a smaller one,

Now, we have not yet decided whether we will be able to have an education credit to give parents who are unhappy more possibility of getting their child into school of their choice. It is a very, very longterm thing.

Some people are against it because they say that it would give an enormous bonus to those who send their children to independent schools. But you could deal with that by way of taxation.

Do you have any plans for further industrial relations legislation, either in this Parliament or in the next Parliament? I do not think that we shall have

any more in this Parliament, but they are already looking at things for the next Parliament. I think there are certain things about the closed shop that one

needs still to consider. I still find a closed shop repugnant myself.

I think that there are certain things which you need to consider about contracts between employers and trade unions being enforceable, which they are in other countries.

Compulsory postal ballots? There are arguments against them, as you know. We will have a look at them. I will not say we will not go to them, but you have to consider the other things as well. It is not such an open and clear-cut

You also have to consider whether you should take the ballot for officers of trade unions further down than you have now.

Do I take it that after the election though there will be such legislation?

We expect there to be such legislation after the election. We expect there to be a new Industrial Relations Bill after the election and probably fairly soon.

If there is a hung parliament after the next election do you rule out any kind of deal with the Alliance? I do not expect the conditions to arise. I do not like coalition governments and I myself would be unlikely ever to go into one. I have seen the effect of them in

I will tell you what happens. You set out your philosophy, you set out your principles, you set out your policies, you set out your programme. And do you know what happens when you get bung parliaments or coalitions. That is not democracy. So I myself would be unlikely to go into a coalition.

I may say we should never have wrought the transformation we have in Britain under a coalition vernment. Never, never never. You have to be decisive to do that and there is a lot of work still to

After Ambassador Paul Nitze's recent travels round Western Europe, the United States is proposing to the Soviet Union the complete elimination of medium range nuclear missiles over three years. Are you happy with this global zero-zero option?

We said right at the beginning that if the Soviet Union got rid of her intermediate missiles then there would be no Cruise or Pershings, and that really is the zero-zero global option, and we are reverting to that, so it is not a new option. do not find many people still concerned, as they were originally, about the decoupling of the United States and Europe. It is for these reasons that we keep our own independent nuclear deterrent and so does France, because we still would have something, but they are last-resort things. So we are quite happy to go along with the zero-zero global to be reached

There is room for getting down the intercontinental ballistic missiles on both sides. Both the President and Mr Gorbachev, have said that they want to see a world without nuclear weapons. I cannot see a world without nuclear weapons. Let me be practical about it. The knowledge is there to make them. So do not go too hard for that pie in the sky because, while everyone would like to see it, I do not believe it is going to come

How important is the Falham terms and how well do you expect to do? Well we can win. We can win and I

think that the Budget indicates that we have not lost momentum. Every by-election is important to me, every single one, and sometimes we think we do not get our message across cogently cnough. The really big things are the hig strategies — the transfor-mation that has come about in ownership, the transformation that has come about when you have your finances well and truly run properly, run on a sound footing; the certainty that inflation will be kept down.

Will the decline in unemployment come through before the next election?

I do not know. I most earnestly hope so. An increasing number of jobs are coming through and if we were not facing also the simulta-neous increase in the population of working age then we should be getting on top of it.

Your other dearest wish is to bring taxation down further substanti ly before the Election. This will really depend on holding public expenditure down in the next round. Do you think that is going to be possible this year?

I do not know, but I hope so. I notice you wisely used the word "hold" public expenditure, be-cause if you actually hold it, against a background of growth you have got what you want and one reason why our taxation is higher here than in some of the European countries is that we have not yet broken through to the amount of production per head of the population which they have.

When people come to me and say "Don't reduce tax!", the first question I ask of them is: "Do tell question I ask of them is: "Do teil me, is your income in the top half?" "Yes". "Very considerably in the top half?" "Yes". And I say: Well, I do not find many people coming to me, teachers, nurses, people who are working hard but earning below average, I don't find them coming to me and saying you are leaving too much of my own money in my pocket, Mrs Thatcher. I find them coming and saying: "I have not got enough of my own money left in my own pocket to pay my rates, to pay my fuel bills, to pay food and clothes." You look at the black cash. economy; that shows how hard people will work when they see a direct relationship between what they earn and the effort So yes, I do want taxation down. It is people's own money. They are entitled to have more of it and I am not so arrogant as some politicians as to think that I know better how to spend it than the people who earn

But you are going to have to persuade the Cabinet aren't you to hold down public expenditure

Yes I am and I am going to say to them, I do say to them, what is moral about saying to your constituents, "I have spent your tax relief because I think I know better how to spend than you do!"? So. yes, you have a reasonable level of public expenditure. We have had our priorities with defence and law and order and health and our pledge to pensions and we have honoured the lot. But we have to watch the rate at which it goes up, because if your public expenditure goes on going up as a proportion of national income, then your free-dom is diminished and there was a time you know, during the lifetime of a Labour government, when right-wing Labour politicians were saying: "If it goes on like this we shall no longer be a free society!" Will it be easier to persuade the Cabinet to hold down public expenditure this year than in the

No, it will be about the same. How would you like your premier-ship and your Government to be regarded in history?! really think that it was the turn of the tide. We were slipping so fast into a Socialist state, where the individ-ual mattered less and the collective more. That is not right for the British character. We turned that whole tide because people knew it had turned. As my constituent said: "We had to vote for you to get the centre back to the middle!" Are you still absolutely determined, without equivocation; to take the Conservative Party into

#### PARLIAMENT MARCH 27 1986

# Northern Ireland questions

# Labour troubles

# Unionists are urged to accept Thatcher invitation to talks Mr Stnart Bell, an Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, said it was right and proper that the Unionist

#### ULSTER

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said State for Northern Ireland, said during Commons question time exchanges that he hoped that Mr James Molyneaux and the Rev lan Paisley, leaders of the two main Unionist parties, would accept the invitation of the Prime Minister and enter into sensible discussions about a whole range of issues of concern to the people of the

He joined in criticism of the absence, apart from Mr Enoch Powell, of Unionist MPs from the Parliament of the United Kingdom for which they had recently stood and been re-elected.

He pointed out that in her letter to the Unionist leaders. the Prime Minister had invited them to enter into talks without pre-conditions, to discuss their concerns and see whether progress could be

All sensible people will recognise (he went on) that either there will be talks or there will be much more serious consequences if this is allowed to drift on and if the present impasse is allowed to

Government and I hope with the support of all MPs, I say there must be talks. I hope the Unionist leaders will accept the and enter into these talks as

He added that in her letter

and made it clear that any subsequent talks would be without prejudice to that opposition. The Government was prepared to talk on any or all matters, including topics on which the agreement had no bearing.

The Government believes (he said) that it has made a helpful response to the Unionist leaders, recognizing the realities of the position and the realities of the agreement

It would be tragic if, in the face of that offer, the Unionist leaders are not even prepared to enter into talks without preconditions and without prejudice to their own position.

That is an offer that must be taken up and I hope they will

Mr King: One of the consequences of the agreement was a recognition among the nationalist community of the opportunity of progress by constitutional means rather than by having to support the

the elected Kingdom.

Earlier, Mr Seamus Mallon (Newry and Armagh, SDLP) said: A sizeable section of the population in Northern Ireland is in favour of the Anglo-lrish agreement and wants to see it working. Will be

t am anxious to see if those agreement and wants to see it working. Will be consider taking the opportunity to direct some remarks to that section of the community instead of expressing his own inherent Unio nism at every opportunity?

# Powell blames UK governments

proper that the Unionist leaders should take up the invitation to further talks.

There is nothing in the Anglo-Irish agreement (he said)

the policies of successive British Governments towards the Province and its people. Mr Enoch Powell (Down South, OUP) declared during questions in the Commons.
Mr Tom King, Secretary of
State for Northern Ireland,
commented: We all bave a

responsibility at present not to anticipate trouble but to seek

in every way we can to try to discourage any trouble taking

I hope t can took to Mr Powell as a member of the

The ultimate responsibility for whatever happens in Northern Ireland over Easter, and in the weeks and months beyond, would lie, as ever, with the ambiguities and insincerities of and that at no time can there which, with its coat-traiting be a case for violence and exercise in triumphatism

confrontation.

Mr Seams Mallon (Newry and Armagh, SDLP) said that

# Wedding holiday plea

A request that the Commons Mr John Biffen, the Leader of should not sit on July 23, the House, replied that that day of the Royal wedding privilege was not within his between Prince Andrew and Miss Sarah Ferguson, was made during Commons business questions by Mr Peter Brainvels (Leicester East, C).

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#### Labour and newspaper tycoons

#### THE PRESS

Criticism of the Labour Party's Criticism of the Labour Party's 
"hypocritical" silence about the 
way Mr Robert Maxwell ran 
his newspapers, compared to 
their behaviour over Mr 
Rupert Murdoch, was voiced 
during Commons business 
questions by two Conservative 
MPs.

Mr. Michaet Fallun (Darlington, C) asked for an early debate on industrial relations in the newspaper industry so the Labour Party could end its hypocritical silence over the way Mr. Maxwell ran his newspapers.

Mr. Jehn Hiffen, Leader of the Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, replied: t am not save about hypocritical; it is definitely spasmodic. Mr Peter Lilley (St Albans, C). said he supported Mr Fallon's request. The House should

have the opportunity to consider why the Labour Party refused to have any dealings with Mr Rupert Murdoch over his move to Wapping whereas the dispute in Glasgow had led the dispute in Clasgow mad see to no such action. Should we not (he said) have an opportunity to investigate whether it is because of some financial relationship between Mr Maxwell and the Labour Beach. Party?

debate's debate's attractiveness increased every moment. (Laughter) Surely, over the next few days with the Fulham by-election the Labour Party
would take en enrly
opportunity for an explicit
statement as to where they
stood between the actions of
these two newspaper tycoons.

## Making capital out of Kinnock's problems

Mr Rohert Maclenuau
(Caithness and Sutherland,
SDP): Following the Prime
Minister's decision to wipe out
backbench MPs used the
opportunity of Prime to curb the cancerous spread of
exploit the difficulties suffered flundamentalist extremism
by Mr Nell Kinneck, Leader of
the Opposition, in his so far
frustrated attempts to expel
Militant supporters from the
people and introducing a fair frustrated attempts to expel democracy by trusting the Militant supporters from the Labour Party.

The first to raise the issue was Sir Hugh Rosti (Horney W

Militant supporters from the Labour Party.

The first to raise the issue was Sir Hugh Rossi (Hornsey and Wood Green, C) who remarked: Having regard to recent problems about extradition, and if it is decided to make changes in the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, will the Prime Minister ensure that recruitment does not take place from amongst those who advised Mr Kinnoek on expulsions from the Labour Party?

Mrs Thatcher. No. I note what he says in effect about the constituency is about as far from London as it could possibly be.

Mr Albert McQuarrie (Banff and Buchan, C): Will she take time to read the national press about the shambles in the Labour Party?

Mrs Thatcher. No. I note what he says in effect about the says in point very effectively.

Party? (Laughter) more important things to do Mrs Thatcher: He makes his than read the reports to which

#### Efforts to tighten procedures

#### **DUBLIN CASE**

the next Election?

Every effort would be made to easure the effectiveness of the extradition process. Mr Tom extradition process. Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said when questioned further about the handling of the warrant in the case of Evelyn Glenholmes, the IRA bomb suspect.

Sir Philip Goodhart (Beckenham, C) had asked: Will he make sure there are inquiries into why no attempt was made to arrest Mins Glenholmes on a charge of heing a suspected member of the IRA which is an offence within the Republic?

Mr Kins: There is to be a Mr King: There is to be a disciplinary inquiry in the office of the DPP. Mr Jeremy Hayes (Harlow, C): The whole of the Glenholmes finsco had nothing to do with the Anglo-Irish

## Minister defends police inquiry

#### HOME OFFICE

There was no question of dilatoriness or of seeking to dilatoriness or of seeking to cover up in the police inquiry into the events at the demonstration at Manchester University on March 1 last year. Mr Giles Shaw, Minister of State, Home Office, said in the Commons. Mr Biffen replied that the

He was replying to allegations that the key witnesses in the inquiry had been harrassed, attacked and injured.

Articles in The Guardian demonstration, had suffered a ad, he said, contained serious considerable amount of had, he said, contained serious allegations and if The Guardian had any new evidence it should he passed to the investigation. The complaints arose out of incidents during a visit by the then Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, to the students union

Mr Antheay Lloyd (Suestord, Lab) said that the inquiry by the Police Complaints Authority to date

anxiety, fear and brutal attack since then. Following her injuries last year, she had been followed by potice vehicles, Mr Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet, C) said that Stephen Shaw, one of the witnesser was a constitute. witnesses, was a constituent. He was interviewed for five hours, strip searched and, he claims, assaulted. I understand no doctor was present but he had to he taken to hospital and had been incompetent.

Miss Sarah Hollis, who had it was found that he was been injured during the rupmred internally.

# Sikh militants ransack ruling party HQ and kill moderates

The head office of the Akali Dal came to power in elections The head office of the Akan Dal, the "infunorial party" of the Sikhs which rules in Punjah state, was ransacked and its contents burned by extremists of the All India Sikh Students' Federation

The extremists ran across the road that passes through the Golden Temple complex m Amritsar into the small square of offices where they pulled out all the party records and smashed furniture before putting everything to the torch. A few party workers in the office at the time, were beaten with batons and driven

A portrait of Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, the moderate leader of the party assassinated by terrorists last year, was smashed by the militants who were protesting at the police shooting in Anandpur Sahib on Wednesday in which seven people died.

Police outside the Golden Temple fired a shot into the air in a hid to scare away the students, who were chanting slogans against Mr Surjit Singh: Barnala, the state's Chief Minister, and in favour of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, the martyred terrorist leader.

The trouble was eventually halted by Mr Gurdev Singh, who was put in charge of the temple by the extremists when they seized control of the complex at the end of January.

Yesterday a series of assassinations of non-extreme Sikh leaders continued with the gunning down of Arjun Singh Masiana, a former legislator of the Communist Party of India. He and his bodyguard died when three terrorists, two in police uniform, rode into his village on a motorcycle in the early hours of the

Yesterday's incidents added to the total of death and destruction which is likely to make this week the worst week of terrorism since the Akali

last year. The elections fol-lowed a pact between Sant Longowal and the Govern-ment of Mr Rajiv Gandhi.

Since then the Alcali Dal Government under Mr Surjit Singh, has attempted to carry out a programme of reconcil-ation with the militants. Sev-eral hundred extremists have been released from jail where they were detained under the draconian National Security Act. Army mutineers discharged after the mass desertions following Operation Bluestar, the military seizure of the Golden Temple, have been given grants for land and resettlement

The extremists, far from being mollified by this treatment, in fact have been en-couraged by it and by the Barnala Government's failure to move decisively against

This failure was most strikingly shown following the January capture of the temple by the militants, who expelled the high priests appointed by the officially-elected Temple Management Committee, and began the destruction of the Akal Takht. — the seat of immortal power - which had been badly damaged in Opera-tion Bluestar and rebuilt under Government direction.

Then, Mr Surjit Singh and his Government had called a general meeting of all baptized Sikhs and apparently intended to evict the militants by force of numbers. But the confrontation was called off and the meeting held instead at Anandpur thus leaving the militants in undisputed control of the temple.

The apparent failure of the Gandhi-Longowal accord to yield anything tangible to the Sikhs bas been held against the Barnala Government.

The Punjah Cabinet was yesterday reported to be con-sidering matters in an emergency session.

#### France to destroy identified lethal wine

From Susan MacDonald

France has ordered the demillion litres of cheap Italian wine being held at the Medi-terranean port of Sète.

The 1,160,000 litres has been declared unfit for con-

sumption due to its high level of methyl alcohol - np to 10 times the permitted amount. A total of 2,800,000 litres of red wine, originally from Puglia in wine, originally from region in southern Italy, has been blocked for analysis in Sete where it arrived by sea. There have been general alerts in France, Germany and Belgium after the adulterated

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wine scandal in Italy which, it is alleged, has so far claimed eight lives.

Some wine producers in southern Italy have already been interrogated by police, and the Italian Minister of Agriculture, concerned about the image of Italian wine abroad, has stated that no-one should buy a bottle of wine that is cheaper than a bottle of

mineral water.

• MILAN: Officials seized a wine grower's stock at Apulia in southern Italy, which is believed may have poisoned some people here this month, the Ansa news agency said

(Reuter reports).

Police believe that the grower may be the unregistered supplier of a distribution firm in the northern city of Cuneo that authorities tentatively pinpointed as the source of the poisoned wine.

STUTTGART: Health inspectors said yesterday that 1,620 one-and-a-half litre bot-ties of 1984 Barbera d'Asti Pippione containing a danger-ously high level of 6.7 grams of methyl alcohol a litre had been found in an import warehouse near Karlsruhe (Reuter reports)

reports).

• LONDON: A Department of Health spokesman said yesterday that there was no reason to suppose that any contaminated wine had been exported to Britain (Robin Young writes).

# **Astronauts** remains

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

The remains of at least four were killed in the Shuttle Challenger explosion on January 28 have been identified relatives and Nasa space agen cy sources said.

Family members said earli-er this week that they bad been told by Nasa that partial body identifications had been made by military pathologists.

"They have made some identification... but they are being very cautious," said a member of the family of astronaut Ronald McNair.

Mrs June Scobec, widow of the Challenger commander. Dick Scobee, was reported as Saying that she was planning a burial at Arlington National Cemetery, near Washington.

Choppy seas and strong winds kept the shuttle salvage.

fleet in port on Wednesday, preventing divers from completing the recovery of sunken wreckage of Challenger's crew cabin, which is thought to contain more remains of the astropauts.

Nasa has said it will not comment publicly on the crew cabin salvage operation and theexamination of astronauts' remains until the task is completed. This will take another two or three weeks,

according to the agency. Meanwhile, Nasa officials are urging the construction of the new shuttle, Orbiter, at a cost of \$2.8 billion (£1.9 billion), and a build-up to 10 unmanned rockets to meet national security needs.

Mr William Graham, acting Nasa Administrator, said that the space agency might launch the next shuttle in 12 to 18 months, unless more critical flaws were found. "We will not go back to space flight until we are confident we have addressed all the safety

He also said that work continued on a permanent space station targeted for 1994.

## Meese backs Pakistan

Edwin Meese, has expressed control, for which Washington satisfaction with Pakistan's attitude to fighting drug traf-

ficking to the West.

Mr Meese was speaking after a two-day visit designed to underline US support both for Pakistan's opposition to the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan and for its fight stan were the world's leading

In a speech yesterday to Afghan refugees, Mr Meese reaffirmed US support for guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed Afghan Government. gees, killing at least four people and wounding 17.

Islamabad (Reuter) — The
US Attorney General, Mr his visit was to discuss drug tion of opium poppies in Pakistan's North-West Fron-

tier province.

A State Department study last mouth said Afghanistan

source of heroin.

• PESHAWAR: A bomb exploded in a restaurant here frequented by Afghan refu-



A masked Chilean student throwing a stone at police during an angry demonstra-tion in Santiago against the government of General Pinochet. Hundreds of students were demanding secure conditions in which to study.

In a separate incident, mother and her small daughter suffered barus when a bus was set alight by a firebomh (AFP reports). Police said it was the eighth such attack on a public transport vehicle within 48 hours. The attackers escaped.

#### The EEC food mountains

# Soviet bloc picks up a £1bn bargain

From Richard Owen

The EEC last year sold more than seven million £785 million, as well as 162,000 tonnes of butter to a value of £137 million, both at knock-down prices.

Libya received 461,600 tonnes of EEC grain and 54,000 tonnes of skimmed milk also at subsidized rates.

The main Soviet bloc im-porters of EEC foodstuffs — Russia, Poland, Bulgaria and Russia, Poland, Bulgaria and East Germany — did bargain basement business with Brussels to the tune of more than £1 billion with Libya and other North African states — Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco and Egypt — close behind with more than £800 million worth.

But even these large-scale cut-price deals have barely dented the EEC food moun-tains, and the failure of EEC farm ministers this week to agree on a policy for disposal of the surpluses leaves the Commission keen to conclude further deals, including a sale of 100,000 tonnes of butter to Moscow through M Jean Communist trader. The secret subsidy in this deal is said to be as much as three-quarters of the official intervention

EEC officials deny that the Commission is negotiating "secret deals" to sell off intervention stocks. But trade experts say that those exporters who specialize in sales to "sensitive" countries have been quietly told of EEC export subsidy offers under a discreet tender system.

**EEC FOOD** SURPLUSES Figures at end of February 1986 BEEF ( 0.7 million tonnes

CEREALS (V) 15.3 million tonnes 3.5 billion litres Total value of intervention stocks: 25.7 billion Storage costs: £360 million plus interest at £470 million

The EEC argnes that sur-pluses would be as moch as 40 per cent higher but for sales to the Soviet Union, Libya and other controversial destina-tions. Brussels is also seeking markets in India and

Figures obtained by The Times show that the biggest importers of EEC cereals are the Soviet Union (seven mil-lion tonnes), Sandi Arabia (1.5

with Egypt some way behind (28,000, part in food aid).
The Russians and their allies paid only £112 per tonne

Source: EEC Commission and European Parlement Research Division million), Morocco (1.5 million) and Algeria (1.3 million). Russia also imported the most EEC butter (162,000 tonnes),

for cereal imports from Enrope, minus an export subsidy of £30-40. Similarly, Moscow paid 38p per lb for EEC butter compared to more than £1 per

Libya's 9,000 tonnes of butter a year comes from the EEC. EEC officials point out that grain sold to the Eastern bloc, Africa and the Middle East is inferior in quality, and that the butter involved is rancid or

Mr Bryan Cassidy, Euro-MP for Dorset East and Hampsbire West (Conserva-tive), complained this week that the British Government was failing to promote a new EEC scheme for the sale of cot-price concentrated butter in Britain.

Mr Terry Pitt, Labour MEP for West Midlands, said low price sales of 750,000 tonnes of beef to non-EEC countries last year had cost more than £500 million in subsidies, with a further £320 million going on

beef storage costs.

The Community also disposed of thousands of tonnes of grain as food aid last year, including more than 116,000 tonnes to Ethiopia.

#### **EEC FOOD EXPORTS TO NON-EEC COUNTRIES**

	Te	Totals in £ million			Volume	per tho	usand tor	nnes
	CEREALS	MEAT	BUTTER	MILK	CEREALS	MEAT	BUTTER	Milk
ALGERIA	147.0	23.7	12.4	133.8	1327	20	12	194
SULGARIA	64.7	0.5	_	24	700	1	-	10
E.GERMANY	30.5	1.9			297	1		_
EGYPT	0.7	136.8	44.0	24.0	3	159	28	20 27
INDIA	0.3		18.2	23.0	2		7	27
IRAN	10.5	34.5	11.0	11.8	103	30	9	12
IRAQ		41.8	-	65.4		36	-	51
JAPAN	1.0	248.0	1.8	10.8		91	2	15
LIBYA	55.8	15.8	11.7	39.3	461	14	7	54
MOROCCO	160.0	2.9		5.5	1576	4		7
POLANO	100.0	5.4			921	9		
SAUDI ARABIA	149.2	111.0	24.7	100.0	1554	133	16	94
SOVIET UNION	785.0	48.6	137.0	5.0	7330	86	162	6
SYRIA	22.7	_	25.3	13.5	184		18	12
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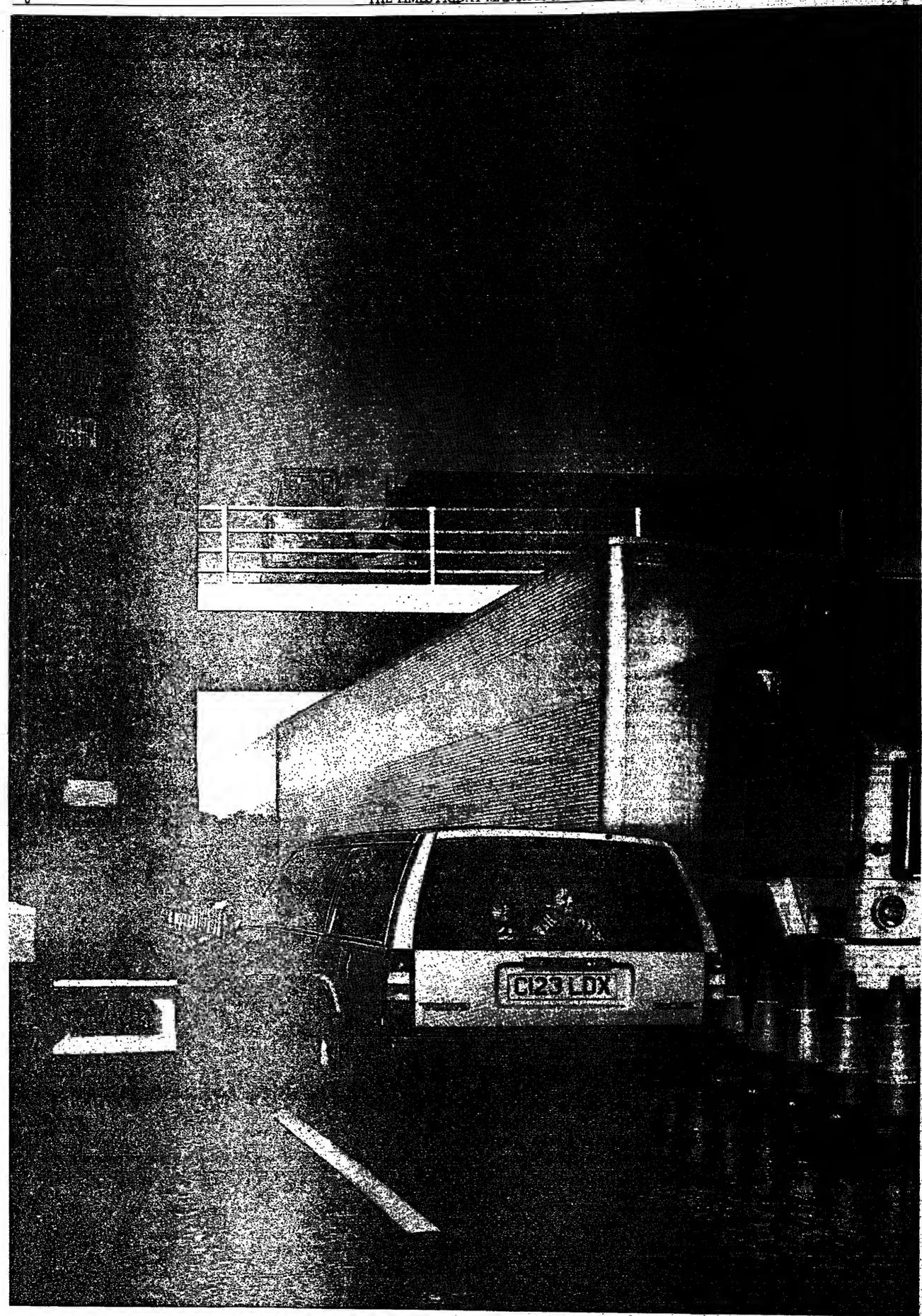
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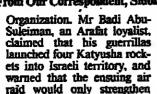
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# Israelis bomb Lebanon guerrilla bases after PLO attack on border

In a swift reaction to a rocket attack against an Israeli border town, Israeli jets yes-terday bombed Palestinian guerrilla bases in southern Lebanon, killing ten people and wounding 22.

The raid was a warning to Palestinians, who have been building np forces in the area, to expect similar retaliation if the cross-border attacks persist. But far from having a deterrent effect, the raid provoked vows to continue the Palestinian struggle.

The rocket attack was claimed by the mainstream Fatah group of Mr Yassir Arafat's Palestine Liberation





# **Rocket slams into** school playground

Four Israelis, three children striking at selected guerrilla and a teacher, were slightly injured yesterday when a Katyusha rocket fired from southern Lebanon exploded in the playground of n school in Kiryat Shmona.

They were the first casual-ties of several such attacks on northern Israel since the Israeli Army withdrew from most of southern Lebanon a

year ago.
The officer commanding Israel's northern front, Major-General Ori Orr, appeared to rule out speculation that the air strike which followed on Palestinian gnerrilla targets near Sidon may have been in

Visiting the town after the attack, he said that it had yet to be established which of the several hostile groups nperat-ing in Lebanon had been

It has, nevertheless, become routine Israeli practice to respond to such attacks by

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, was due to

end his three-day stay in Athens today with a largely symbolic visit to the Ameri-

can Air Force base adjacent to Athens airport, before flying

The fate of this and three

other US military installations

in this country once the

current bases agreement ex-pires in 1988, was a key issue

in Mr Shultz's discussions

with Mr Andreas Papandreou,

the Greek Prime Minister,

vesterday.



Yesterday's rocket nttack on

Kiryat Shmona, which is be-lieved to have originated in the

had returned safely to base.

rocket attack were briefly kept

in hospital for treatment, and

all were later sent home.

Within bours of the attack, life

From Mario Mediano, Athens

Mr Papandreou, wbo of-

fered the American official

lunch after talks lasting 90

minutes, said in a toast;

"Truly these two days were

very productive. I sincerely

believe that they constitute a

big step forward in the devel-

opment of our relations in all

In a gesture that was more symbolic than effective, given the military sophistication of the Israelis, the guerrillas fired anti-aircraft guns and anti-aircraft missiles when the jets swooped on the Ein Helweh and Miaou-Mia Palestinian refugee camps and the nearby

"our struggle against the ene-my. We shall retaliate in a

violent way... inside occu-

The mid-morning raid was launched less than two hours

after a guerrilla rocket fired

from south Lebanon hit a

schoolyard in the Israeli bor-

der town of Kiryat Shmona.

The Israeli jets came in from the clear Mediterranean

sky west of Sidon for a five-

minute attack. Witnesses said

the jets made two bombing

runs. In their second pass,

they said, rockets and bombs nded several civilians

who were trying to rescue

pied land.

hilltop village of Siroubieh.

A one-storey building believed to be a Fatah headquar-Israeli military analysts have claimed that some 1,000 Palestinian guerrillas, most of ters near Miaou-Mia took direct hits and was badly damaged by the rockets. Hours after the raid, edgy them belonging to the Fatah wing of the PLO, have re-established themselves in the Palestinian guerrillas scram-bled among the debris in search of vietims and refugee camps around Sidon in the year since the Israeli equipment. A bomb landed on a wide

street on the outskirts of the Ein Hilweh camp, ripping off chunks of the facade of a fivevillage of Shakra, well to the south of Sidon, could have been used simply as a pretext to strike at this build-up. storey building and gouging a huge, eight-yard deep crater. A young Palestinian on the brink of tears stood near the bole The Israeli Army spokes-man reported "good hits" on the targets attacked, and claimed that all Israeli aircraft and, turning to a Swedish radio reporter, said in broken English: "Remember, one day we will not forget any Israeli neither man, neither woman anybody, remember." The four Israelis hurt in the

But he was told to shut up and was taken away. Police said seven civilians, including Lebanese, were killed in the bomb blast, about 100 yards in the town was said to be back from a Fatah office.

Shultz seeks bases decision nomic and defence concerns. Mr Papandreou insists that he prefers to deal with this problem nearer the expiry date, mainly so as not to alienate left-wing opinion which his government needs a year of municipal elections

sectors."

Mr Shultz was given an idea
of the vigour with which the
to know soon whether its Greek left opposes the presmilitary presence in Greece ence of the bases, after demonstrations in Athens and other

#### Honduran support troops being airlifted by United States helicopters to Janastran, an area cle Keagan says lost aid vote was signal to strike

Washington — President Reagan, confident of having \$100 million in aid to the Contras approved in the Senate last night, still looks stymied in the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives (Christopher Thomas writes).

raguan "offensive" against rebels based in Honduras, was "a slap in the face" to Congressmen who last week rejected his aid plan. "The Nicaraguan co took the House vote as n sign. They

In mid-April the Democrats will produce their own version of an aid package. It falls far short of the sought by Mr Reagan.

#### Nicaragua troops 'trapped' by Contras

Tegucigalpa, Honduras (AP) - Rebels fighting the Nicaraguan Government say they have surrounded 1,500 Sandinista troops in southern Honduras and will not let them escape back across the

Meanwhile, US military helicopters with American crews ferried about 600 Honduran soldiers to the southern border area to join another 3,000 troops already there. A US Embassy official said no furflights contemplated.

Honduran military intellisence sources said that 200 Sandinistas have been killed and another 150 wounded since the fighting broke out on Saturday between the Nicaraguan troops and the Contras. One military source said that "very important things could happen in favour of the Contras and harmful to the

invading army." He did not elaborate Mr Frank Arana, a spokesman for the largest Contra group, claimed: The invaders are not going to return to Nicaragua. Our troops have

them surrounded."

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#### Blacks die in police ambush

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg

The death toll in wide spread unrest in South Africa in the 24 hours to midnight on Wednesday, rose to 30 yester day with the news that police killed two blacks in an am-bush laid for stone-throwers in the Crossroads squatter camp outside Cape Town on

Wednesday night.
Meanwhile, Mr Louis le
Grange, the Minister of Law
and Order, extended for another year bans on all gatherings called to promote school

Police in the tribal homeland of Bophuthatswana con-firmed that they killed 11 blacks on Wednesday when they opened fire on a large crowd, gathered on a football ground in the Winterveld shanty town, which allegedly ignored an order to disperse. Dr Lucas Mangope, the leader of Bophuthatswana yesterday appointed a judge to

hold an inquiry. Winterveld residents claim that as many as 20 people were killed. They said that police later detained scores of wounded on the football pitch and for more than an hour kicked and beat them with





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Aftermath of the Gulf of Sirte clash

## <sup>e</sup> Moscow's barrage at the UN

From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

The Soviet Union npened the debate in the United Nations Security Council on the Libyan-American confron-tatinn in the Gulf of Sirte, accusing the United States of state terrorism against Libya that threatened the stability of the entire Mediterranean

region.
Calling the US retaliatory strikes against Libya "pre-meditated bandit attacks", Mr Yuri Dubinin, the Soviet representative, orged the Security Council to condemn the US and adopt measures that would protect Libya's territorial integrity. He said that both Libya and Nicaragua had borne the brunt of American imperialist policies.

The Security Council convened at the request of Malta and the Soviet Union, which said that the US was planning further strikes against Libya.

Although the statement by Malta lacked the vehemence that set the tone of the Soviet opening remarks, Mr George Agins, the Maltese representative, made clear that his Government attached most of the hlame for the hostilities to the United States.

General Vernon Walters, the American representative. told the Security Council that the US response to Libya's hostile actions was measured and appropriate. By entering the Galf of Sirte, the United the Gulf of Sirte, the United Vienna. They have no evisystems - despite Mrs near-deity. America's military
States was defending freedom dence about Libya and this. Thatcher's support for Amerioperation in the Gulf of Sirte

Libyan - not Soviet - in 1981 - they could not have despite the continued detenmilitary personnel fired the come then to punish this same Sam 5 anti-aircraft missiles at terrorism. So why did they tion of a British engineer from come? Such arguments, however, cannot hide the embarrassment which the Russians -

Sam 5 anti-aircraft missiles at American jets over the Gulf of Sirte this week and the Russians were yesterday explain-ing why they could not help Libya when the US Sixth Fleet attacked its patrol boats.

Soviet officials in Tripoli are arguing that one benefit of the whole affair is an increase in Colonel Gadaffi's domestie popularity but they are painfully aware of their own inability to protect the Libyans militarily.

"What did you expect us to do?" a Soviet official asked me yesterday. "To strike American ships? Do you know what would happen then? We have to hope that the Americans will study the situation carefully, that there will be a peaceful solution to this

In Tripoli, the Russians are fully endorsing Colonel Gadaffi's contention that the Gulf of Sirte is Libyan territorial water, but on grounds of precedent rather than international law. "The Gulf of Sirte is not an international sea lane," the Soviet official said. "There are in the world several gulfs considered by nations to be their internal territorial waters - the Hudson Gulf (sic), the Gulf of Mexico, the Gulf of Riga, Sirte...the Americans accused Libya of this happening (sic) that took place in the airports at Rome and

From Robert Fisk, Tripoli, Libya

Russians explain inability

to help in naval skirmish

Spanish save survivors

Madrid - A Spanish tanker rescued 16 crew members of a Libyan vessel sunk last Mon-day by the US Sixth Fleet, and put them ashore at Tripoli, according to reports published here yesterday (Harry Debelius writes). aboard the tanker Castillo de Ricote, bound from the Libyan port of Rastamuf with a load of port of Mastamuf with a load of crude nil for Corunna in north-west Spain, sighted the survivors in a liferaft in the Mediterranean slightly north of the "death line" designated by Colonel Gadaffi.

and the Libyan regular armed forces - must now feel after the engagements in the Gulf of Sirte this week. As one Western diplomat put it yesterday: They took a bloody nose".

Ironically, the Libvan patrol boats attacked by the Ameri-cans are believed to have been equipped with British navigation and radar equipment. In Plessey, Mr James Abra, who is on trial in Tripoli on charges of passing secret radar defence formation to London. Nor is Colonel Gadaffi as

universally popular in Libya as the Russians claim, although Western as well as East Bloc diplomats agree that his personal stature has been immeasurably increased by the eonfrontation.

A rumour is circulating among embassies here of another assassination attempt against him, while recent governmental changes mean that internal security has been reorganized to concentrate more power among Colonel Gadaffi's closest advisers. In a sudden decision, offi-

cially taken at the request of the "General People's Congress", nine of the 20 principal government ministries have disappeared, to be amalgamated with other departments. Among these are the oil, information and justice ministries. The latter's demise means that, in future, the Libyan security police will be immediately responsible to the Colonel's deputy, Abdul-Salam Jalloud. His own position has thus become far more powerful although he has stated publicly that "Colonel Gadaffi does not have a fact, British companies have successor". Indeed, the Colobeen helping the Libyans to renovate their military radar up in the Libyan media as a

# Admiral describes how the conflict began

Vice-Admiral Frank Kelso, commander of the aircraft carrier Saratoga, manoeuvring off the Libyan coast, described how forces under his com-mand clashed with the Libyans at the beginning of this

Admiral Kelso said there had been no further incidents between the two sides sincethe last one at 5.30 am GMT on

On Monday, the American forces struck at the Libyans after six Soviet-made anti-

during the confrontations on Monday and early Tuesday. Three were reported to have

Monday.

Admiral Kelso said that during the exercises no US ship had gone closer than 60 miles north of the 12-mile

ply the waters of the southern Mediterranean, monitoring

Asked about the attacks, the attack our forces."

rescue members of Libyan

ships that had been hit.

of navigation for all nations. And the Sixth Fleet came here can policy over Libya and can only have helped. aircraft missiles were fired at He said Soviet activity in US aircraft crossing the line. the region was normal. Both Four Libyan ships were hit US and Soviet ships regularly

> movements. US Navy planes also struck admiral said: "We did nothing at a Soviet-built Sam-5 anti- to provoke an action. We were aircraft missile site on not going to permit them to

Admiral Kelso went on: "The (Libyan) missiles were fired. They were seen on radar. There was no question that they were fired:

"The picture happens like this: the missile is seen on radar, fired, your airplanes take the required reaction to get out of the 'envelope' of that missile, which they did very 'effectively." No US planes were hit, he said. The admiral explained why US forces had not tried to

"I would have been happy to do so if it were prudent, but I was not going to go over and take the chance of another hit from another ship."

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A car packed with gelignite that the police station, or even the magistrate's court, was the the centre of Melbourne yesherday, injuring 21 people and leaving the residents of Australia's second city shocked and stunned. They frequently read about this kind of indiscriminate attack on the public is something we kind of outrage but have never before experienced it.

A policewoman was in a critical condition last night and another police officer was and another ponce officer was said to be seriously injured. Officials, however, said it was only by good fortune that there had not been large-scale loss of life. The sedate commercial cap-

ital was starting to close down for the Easter weekend when the bomb went off just after the nome went on just after lpm. The stolen car disinte-grated outside police head-quarters, destroying a police car nearby and triggering a series of petrol tank explosions in other parked vehicles.

The indiscriminate attack confused police who said they had no clear idea who might

The police building and the adjacent Melbourne Magistrate's Court took the main force of the blast which firmed there had been no warning before the blast. He scattered debris for op to 200 yards. A number of other central buildings suffered external damage. have been killed, he added.

Police established a task force of 20 detectives from the homicide, arson and main crime squads, but in response to a wave of feverish speculation as who was responsible, a spokesman said: "We have no positive leads".

Among the plethora of theories was a suggestion that the bomb might have been the work of foreign terrorists but, by the nature of the target, that

remed unlikely.

Police made it clear they did deep oo the floor while flying not see a political motive and shards had shredded pot were more inclined to believe plants.



Melbourne bombing injures 21

public is something we haven't seen in Australia

The only comparable out-

rage occurred in 1979 when a

bomb exploded in a Sydney botel during a Common-wealth Heads of Government

meeting, killing three people.

Mr John Cain, Premier of
Victoria, described the bomb-

ing as "a barbaric act of criminal violence. "We have been free of this

sort of thing - we have read about it and abhorred it in

about it and abhorred it in other parts of the world. One can only be very concerned as to what the future holds."

Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, was said to have been deeply disturbed by the attack. Meanwhile, there is an overwiding sense of dismost

over-riding sense of dismay among Australians that such a

thing could happen in their

Deputy Police Commis-sioner Keith Thompson con-

said it was fortunate there

were not more people in the

area at the time. Many could

A solicitor who was in the

court building at the time said

there was total confusioo for some minutes before police.

started herding magistrates and others out of the back of

building was one of devastation. Every window on the first five floors of the 11-storey

block was shattered. A police-

own country.

the complex.

#### Subpoena served on former **President**

Honolulu (AP) — A subpoe-na has been served on former at Marcos of the Philppines at his beach-side home ordering him to give a deposi-tion in connection with a

The subpoena was turned over to Secret Service agents by Mr Dean Alegado, a spokesman for the Committee spokesman for the Committee for Justice for Dominge and Viernes, based in Seattle, Washington. Silme Domingo nd Gene Viernes were anti Marcos trade union activists who were murdered on June 1,

Mr Marcos's testimony was sought in connection with a 1982 lawsuit alleging that he and his top military aide, General Fabian Ver, were responsible for the murders.

The subpoena, issued last Friday by the US District Court, required Mr Marcos to bring with him to the April 15 deposition any documents in his preserving relation to the his possession relating to the murders of Domingo and Viernes, Mr Alegado said.

It also required Mr Marcos to bring documents related to the use of Philippine National Intelligence and Security Agency agents who allegedly monitored the actions of anti-Marcos movement members in the United States, he said.

# Widening scandal over Marcos family dealing Japan looks into land sales

From David Watts, Tekyo

This is the most embarrass-

The Government had been

doing its best to avoid apposi-tion demands for an investiga-

tion of Marcos links, but has

had to yield to demands that overseas aid be investigated

against a background of allegations that Japanese firms rou-tinely paid commissions of 15

per cent on contracts in the

nese counterpart.

deals in ships for Malaysia. The president of the firm was The Japanese Government has agreed to set up a special committee to investigate for-mer President Marcos's deal-According to documents presented by the Socialists, agreement for the sale was ngs with Japan. The agreement was sealed vesterday at a meeting of the ruling reached in January and was to

Liberal Democratic Party
(LDP) and the Opposition.

As the LDP agreed to the
first such investigatinn since
the Lockheed bribery scandal of the mid-1970s, the Opposiing allegation yet for the tion revealed what it said were attempts by the Marcos family Japanese Government since the documents appeared to indicate that transfer of the to sell parcels of Philippines Government-owned land in property ownership should be done from the Philippines Foreign Ministry to its Japa-

Mr Kazunori Inoue of the Socialist Party showed a Lower House committee documents which he said were a sales agreement between a Marcos agent, Mr Victor Nituda, and a Japanese company for the sale of three parcels of land worth 9.6 billion yen (£36 million). The sale was said to have been arranged through a small trad-

ernment of President Aquino. election for May 3 rather than In a full-page advertisement io the mass-circulation Ma-

tied to contracts with Japanese firms. Such commissions are nnt normally illegal.

NEW YORK: The New York Times said yesterday it had obtained documents from Philippines Government sources which showed that Mr have gone through as soon as Mr Marcos approved the details. That appears never to have happened. Marcos and his wife began

accumulating inordinate wealth and property soon after he took office in 1965 (Reuter reports). shnwed that hy 1970, two years befine Mr Marcos de-clared martial law, his wife, Imelda, took trips abroad with as much as £150,000 in cash and \$200,000 in traveller's cheques, and held New York

sumed name with a balance of It said the papers indicated that a wealthy Filipino busi-oessman, who was a secret financial adviser to Mr Marcos had purchased property for Mr Marcos as early as

bank accounts under an as-

#### ing company which normally Philippines. Much aid was 1967. Sacked mayors call protest rallies

Manila (Reuter) - More three-day rallies would start level". Many members of the than 1,000 mayors said yesterday they would lead simultaneous rallies throughout the ordered to resign. Philippines to protest against

The mayors, whose six-year

tomorrow in constituencies of New Society Movement of 1,523 mayors who had been ordered to resign. former President Marcos ignored the orders to quit and in the arbitrary dismissal of terms ended this mooth, asked barricaded the town halls. elected officials by the Govthe Government to call an The advertisement of the distribution of the control of the c several places their supporters

The advertisement said: Election not selection. The appoint replacements which free ballot, not the boot of ooe they described as a "massive man. Suffrage, not this outnila Bulletin, they said the act of coup d'état at local rage.

# Spain's far left in search of unity

From Richard Wigg Madrid

The almost seven million "no"votes in the Nato referendum have inspired the forces on the left of Spain's ruling Socialist Party to search for some kind of common front with which to fight this year's general election.

The election must constitutionally be held by October, nection with attacks in Navarbut there is little time to be ra over the past six years in lost for Andalusia's regional which eight people were killed, elections, a prior test, are now less than three mooths away. Final official figures just

9,054,509 votes but the "no" votes totalled 6,872,421 and there were more than 11 million abstentions.

Just as left-wingers appropriate for themselves all the "no" votes, those who abstained have been claimed entirely by the right-wing

opposition.
The Communists and their trade unions, who were essen-tially the organizing force behind the anti-Nato campaign, are fascinated by the referendum results, especially as they polled only 825,000 as a party at the last general

Split now at least three ways, the Communists know they risk parliamentary extinction this time unless they can somehow ride on the backs of that referendum protest vote.

But how to keep such a motley body as pacifists, ecologists; disgranted socialists, anti-American intellectuals, former communists and hardline communist stalwarts all together for a general election is already dividing rival Communist leaders.

Señor Gerardo Iglesias, the secretary general of Spain's rump Communist Party, fa-vours a loose rein, non-doctrinaire approach to attract the young people who flocked tothe anti-Nato campaign.

Two communist veterans, Señor Santiago Carrillo, his predecessor, aod Señor ignacio Gallego, leader of the pro-Moscow breakaway Communist Party of the Spanish munist Party of the Spanish Peoples, are both refusing to abandon dogmatic claims factor behind his decline, do

Suspects caught

four other suspects (Harry Debelius writes). They includ-ed the squad's leader, Schorita Mercedes Galdos, aged 30, wanted for questioning in conincluding two generals

the ground in the coming released show that the Social-ists woo the referendum with whether a group of personal ities heading the other constituent elements can sink their

The problem of rival personalities also conditions what Spain's centre-right and right can do in a bid to prevent Schor Felipe Gouzalez from winning a second term as Prime Minister.

Two figures, at least, are bidding to replace the alterna-tive Schor Fraga has offered to socialism with something less homespun and right-wing and more akin to the French formula.

One is Senor Miquel Roca the Democratic Reformist Party leader, who has now openly identified his party with the Giscardians in France. Señor Oscar Alzaga, leader of the Christian Demo-crat wing of Señor Fraga's coalition, is the other.

Sefor Roca maintains that Señor Fraga's five million votes at the 1982 electroo correspond essentially with elements in Spain's provincial society rooted in the former authoritarian regime, and thus can never hope to win a majority over the Socialists.

Many people would dearly like Señor Roca, who is a Catalan, to team up with Señor Adolfo Suárez, Spain's first democratic prime minister, to revive a centrist alterna-tive. But the two men have stubbornly refosed to cooperate.

over the working class.

Whether a common front to the left of the Socialists gets off

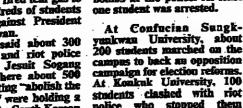
## Seoul campus clash

vesterday and fired tear gas to disperse hundreds of students against President

plain-clothes and riot police where about 500 outing "abolish the President, whom they say is a police who stopped marching in the streets.

Seoul (Renter) — Police military dictator. The students stormed a Seoul university hurled stones and petrol

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# Mexico's Cup of salvation

Still scarred by a devastating earthquake, cash-starved Mexico City sees the World

Cup as a life-saver. Alan Franks reports

Six months after the earthquake which devastated the heart of Mexico City. Señor Eduardo Islas. a small tour operator, drives his clients around in a van instead of a 60-seat coach. There is simply no longer the demand.

It is hardly surprising. Despite the best efforts of salvage and reconstruction workers, parts of this sprawling and polluted metropolis — at 18 million the product of the world's most populous - could double convincingly as a battle zone. Office and botel blocks still stand deserted, with monstrous cracks rising up their flanks in jagged seams. They are the lucky ones: many other buildings remain slumped on to their founda-tions, apparently random vicums of the colossal seismic violence which roared in waves beneath the city streets. killing 25,000 people, injuring 30,000 more and leaving 100,000 homeless.

These, at least, are the official figures. Islas himself believes the

true death toll to be far higher, swelled by the number of unknown, unregistered citizens whose corpses may even now be mouldering in the debris. It is an inauspicious climate in which he and his colleagues are trying to reassemble the industry which, after oil, is the country's largest

export.
They do so in the fervent hope that after the years of impoverishing corruption by the government of ex-president Lopez Portillo, exacerbated by the halving of oil prices in the past four years, 52 games of football in eight weeks hold the key to a desperatelyneeded economic recovery. With the World Cup. Mexico's second in 16 years, just eight weeks away, this Catholic nation of 73 million finds itself praying for soccer to provide what industrial planning (or its absence) has failed to

deliver. The logic is simple: if visitors from the other 23 competing nations return home from the Cup with favourable impressions of Mexico, then the country stands to benefit from a major tourist boom. If not, the future remains bleak. At present the government of Miguel de la Madrid, mid-way through its statutory six-year term, must service a foreign debt of nearly \$100 billion. On top of this it seems likely that Mexico will have to borrow \$6.5 billion from a consortium comprising the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and United States finance export agencies.

Incongruous though it may appear, billions of dollars are now being spent preparing for a soccer fiesta by a country woeru!!y unable to meet its commitments to social reform. The most potent expression of this contradiction threatens to explode on the eye of the tournament, as 50,000 people dispossessed by the eartbquake plan to occupy the capital's mas-sive Aztec Stadium in a demonstration against the government's "inadequate" rehousing pro-

Whether or not they gain entry to the 120,000-sear ground (it seems improbable, given the heavy police presence for the Cupl this is scarcely the kind of publicity being sought by de la Madrid, Mexico's conundrum is that while the federal government is using the shop window of soccer to quicken the long-term prospects of international revenue, so the homeless are pulling the same lever in order to solve their immediate domestic problems. Those families currently living seven or eight to a room in shanty settlements away from the city



Battle zones: six mooths after the earthquake left its trail of wreckage,

centre, or camping under supposedly temporary canvas might be forgiven for seeing little personal benefit in the government's expenditure on a soccer festival.

As well as this, violence among visiting supporters, despite the outwardly-relaxed posture of the organizers, is never far from the official mind; ugly scenes on the terraces or streets could do much thwart the rehabilitation of Mexico's image.

All this has come at a time when Mexico is at the centre of the

world's political stage, not so much for international sport or natural disaster as for its careful neutrality between the United States to the north and the Central American revolutionaries. Even a brief visit to the capital's purpose-built centres for press and TV coverage of the Cup demonstrates the extent to which the country combines Third World poverty with hi-tech aspirations, somehow cemented for almost 60 years by the paradoxically-named institutional Revolutionary Party.

A total of 10,000 UK fans are expected in Mexico for the football this summer. A few years ago it was out uncommon for twice that number to visit the country without the lure of such an event. But gradually inflation took its toll, until in 1982 British Airways responded to the slump by withdrawing its direct services. Now, with several airlines flying direct from European centres to Mexico City, the tourist business is hoping to recoup lost trade in the wake of the cup. Last year the industry's

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(Olympic Games) (World Cup)

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hopes rest on the World Cup to stimulate a tourist boom as Mexico City attempts to return to north total revenue was \$4.7 billion, but 82 per cent of that was American

traffic, with most of the rest and Latin America. With the country poised on the brink of a bold if rather sad offensive to attract world interest, seemingly against all the odds, the true cost of the earthquake can be sensed outside the capital as well; in Ixtapa for example, a new holiday resort on the Pacific coast, trade has suffered a severe setback. But though it lay just 50 miles from the epicentre out at sea, there was just one death and ooe building damaged. The manager of one of the big hotels holds up his hands as if in supplication to the heavens: "Just when things were startil," to go well, this happens. You know, people read in the papers 'Mexico Destroyed'.

Exactly that, Because we say 'Mexico' to mean 'Mexico City'.

But some people outside, they don't understand. They think the whole country's gone! What chance do we stand?" Back in the still-mutilated zone. of the capital repair work grinds oo with a painful slowness. It is estimated that 4,499 buildings were destroyed or severely damaged by the quake. Of those, 1,719 were of five storeys or more, and

of that figure 529 were condemned

to partial or total demolition. Six

months after the disaster, only 178

have been pulled down. Mean-while the newly-formed Agency for Construction, Renovation and Occupation has to assess the demands of the homeless on a points basis, allocating what tem-porary accommodation there is. It is little wonder that when the \$0,000 planning the Aztec Stadi-um protest see the work going into preparing for the Cup, they accuse the government of a latterday equivalent of fidding while Rome

There is also the lingering suspicion that the damage was compounded by the endemic Mexican disease, corruption, and that many of the buildings worst affected had been constructed from materials cheaper than those for which the contractors had been

Now the World Bank is discussing an aid package of \$200 million, on condition that Mexico finds 30 per cent of it. The most bitter irony of this is that it is forcing the administration to siphon money away from severely-stretched programmes including housing.

Not even the most chauvinistic Mexican is giving his team much of a chance in the tournament. But for the ones who believe that the event can engender some national phoenix, the results have become strangely academic. This time around, the real stakes are being played for off the pitch.

#### THE VELVET GLOVE OF WELCOME

Mexican jails are not holiday camps, but rumours of starvation conditions awaiting lawless fans have been greatly exaggerated. Police in Monterrey, where England's Group F is based, vebemently deny that imprisoned supporters face a regime without food.

All Cup tourists will be issued on arrival with an identity card bearing the legend "Monterrey, better than ever". Should they get into a scrape, this will guarantee them immediate access to a member of the British consulate. The city, with a population of one and a balf million, has a British community of 5,000, some of whom will be supplementing the stock of hotel rooms (also 5,000)

with bed-and-breakfast for about £18 a night. Although the standing of the British fan in Mexico ls dubious, both because of the Heysel Stadium tragedy and team manager Bobby Robson's complaints about the venue, Senor Salvador Garibay, the state's directur of tourist promutinn, claims the Monterrey welcome will be cordial. "Mr Robson has heen to visit us several times", he says, " and we think now he is a very happy man."

A malt man's

blended life

Alan Shiack manages to mix the roles

of whisky chairman and film writer

with no difficulty. How does he do it?

so many businessmen throw

their hard-earned money be-

hind plays and an galleries,

while creative folk gaze wistful-

ly from the other side of the fence at the lush, richpastures

Alan Shiack has the best of

both worlds. He is the 45-year-

old chairman and chief execu-

tive of The Macallan, a Scotush

distillery firm famed for its malt whiskies. He is also Allan

Scott, a highly successful Holly-

wood film writer (Don't Look)

Now, with Julie Christie and

Donald Sutherland, was one of hist and his latest film. D.A.R.Y.L., which has been

rapturously received by the

American critics ("A combi-

nation of Frankenstein, ET and a banana split", wrote one

of them) opens today at five

There is, he says, no conflict

in this double life, except that

every morning he has to decide whether to put on a tie

(City convention) or not

(movie mode). Doing two

things is more fun", he says, and it's actually easier be-

of the City.



Technologico stadium, Monterrey

Should a supporter be found guilty of an offence such as assault on a policeman, he will find himself in a 40-year-old prison with a population of 1,800. Rather than imprison fans for relatively minor offences, such as petty shoplifting or possession of alcohol at one of Monterrey's two stadiums, police will

ost of us would like to misdemeanours as pioging a te what we're not which is probably why he went to Gordonstoun, which he didn't like very much ("I just scraped through my O and A levels and my leaving report didn't hold out much chance for the future") into the Army, which be hated, put in six months' training at another distillery and then chose to study English at McGill University, Montreal, although he'd qualified for Oxford. "I'd been to public school and in the Army and didn't able the company to market vintage single malt whiskies in

want to become what I thought I would become if I went to Oxbridge, besides, I'd always wanted to be a writer. although I didn't tell people that because I knew, even when I was II, that being a writer wasn't a 'proper' job. So I said I wanted to become a journalist. And there was something about writing which meant the New World to me. I was able to do modern American and European literature while my contemporaries at Oxford and Cambridge were still struggling with An-

annual musical and teaming up with another student in a sort of Flanders and Swann

On the day of their finals the two of them went straight on to Toronto and were signed up for a television series. They performed and wrote scripts together for years. "Writing and management have two things in common", he says. "You need to be a good collaborator and be able to think clearly. I see my job of chairman as thinking through the strategy, finding the cor-rect cthos under which a management team can work best - it's when they're really enjoying what they are do-ing - and then standing back to take an overall view of the

take months to work out the plot of a film and maybe only six weeks to write it."

Alan Shiack: best of both worlds cousin ran the business before Scotland and in London. handing over to Alan's younger brother, Peter. Alan kept in close touch with both and, when he became a non-executive director in 1968, made the decision to go public and lay down sufficient stocks to en-

Luke, 11. They live both in As well as being on any number of official committees to do with whisky and film-making. Alan is also a nonexecutive director of one of the country's largest film financing and production companies and has recently started producing films: "I am very forgiving to writers who are late with their deadlines."

keeps the other in perspective' Ao enthusiast by nature, he tained four bottles which is depressed by the British

Doing two things is easier. Each

habit of negative criticism. particularly when it's aimed at. carrying pages and pages of reviews where you have to bunt around to find the name of the author or the filmmaker because the reviewer's name is six times the size.

t's very easy to sneer at things and I know people. who won't take risks because they are frightened of

On the evening we met. Alao was wearing a flamboyant pink tie and a paler pink shirt with a white collar: a compromise, perhaps, be-tween bis two roles? "Oh, he always wears a flashy tie on interview days", said his man-aging director, who had just flown io from Inverness with a mysterious package.

Alan tore at the wrappings like a child onwrapping a birthday treat. "Ooh, isn't this exciting?" The parcel con-

looked at enticing as cough medicine. The chairman sniffed appreciatively at each creative work: "This is symbolized by the Sunday papers product. No. of course I'm not going to tell you what it is. That would take all the fun out of launching it."

He spoke with passionate interest about his other hobbies. He loves doing up old buildings - he and his wife have just restored a 17th century manor house next to the distillery in which to entertain prospective customers. Then skiing and cooking.

" I'd love to get to that stage

when you can read a recipe and know whether it will be nice to eat or not", he said. Suddenly, he slumped back oo the sofa and regarded me gloomily: "I'm not at all sure this is a good idea, you know. Me being interviewed. The best image for The Macallan

would probably be a crotchety

old bearded Scot treading the

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Because he's always been known as Allan Scott in the film world in pseudonym he adopted at university when he and his partner weren't meant

writing television scripts), few people realize he is also a top business man. His double act. business colleagues, though, are aware of his film work: "Some people imagine you can't be the serious chap they would like you to be because you have this other side", he says. "I'm always amazed when anyone thinks the film business is trivial. It's infinitelarger than the whisky husiness. I know one small, privately owned film company whose gross revenue execces that of the entire whisky industry.

The Macallan distillery has

been in the Shiack family since 1842. Alan was brought up practically over the shop and just around the corner from Gordonstoun. His lather died when Alan was young he remembers Kurt Hahn, the headmaster, being summoned by his mother to deal with such minor juvenile

glo-Saxon. cause each helps keep the other in perspective." e adored McGill and astonished himself by getting a First At university he was already leading a double life, writing most of the features in the daily newspaper, getting involved in the

whole thing. "Writing is thinking, too. The rest is technique. It can

and 1984, whisky sales declined while sales of The Macallan increased by 120 per When Peter Shiack died in 1980 Alan became chairman. It became a full commitment. I didn't write for some time." His creative skills were invaluable, though, when the company started to market a brand. "The other day I was glancing at a draft lest for an advent service." Somebody said: 'I can't be-lieve you did that in four

the Eighties. This foresight paid off. During the beight of the recession, between 1981

and re-writing are what I do all the time on film scripts." He says his writing is now a hobby, but with four films either in production or just about to be, and working with such directors at Nicholas Roeg, Alan Bridges and Ted Kotcheff, he is busier than most full-time writers.

minutes', and I said: 'I didn't.

It took me 20 years.' Editing

"I travel a lot and while I'm flying. I'll spend half the flight mugging up the figures needed for the business meeting I'm attending and the other half on a piece of film work. I finish work every day to be home by six-thirty and rarely work during the weekend. Io the summer we take a house in the south of France and I write, without interruption, every morning from eight until 10 and am then very much on holiday."

He is married to Cathy, a former actress who gave up her career when she bad their

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# Next door to a nightmare

No matter how leafy your suburb or quiet your mews. the folk next door can make a big différence between - diving hell and home sweet home.

since learnt to sell properties by singing the praises of the neighbourhood. Most of us, however, could also benefit from a little advance information about the

writes Lee Rodwell

ho matter how des. the res. problems with the people next door can make life intolerable. I doubt whether I would have bought my first flat had I known the woman in the flat below had an alcoholic boyfriend whom she regularly threw out in the early hours of the morning. He would then rage up and down the communal stairway, hammering oo doors, shouting threats and curses until the police came.

Of course, people can live side-by-side for years, if not actually loving their neighbours then at least tolerating them, unul a particular incident triggers off a dispute.

And neighbours come and go. The nice quiet couple next door sell their flat to a pair of DIY lunatics, the elderly widow is replaced hy a family with three teenagers with ghetto blasters.
Dr Guy Cumberbatch, of As-

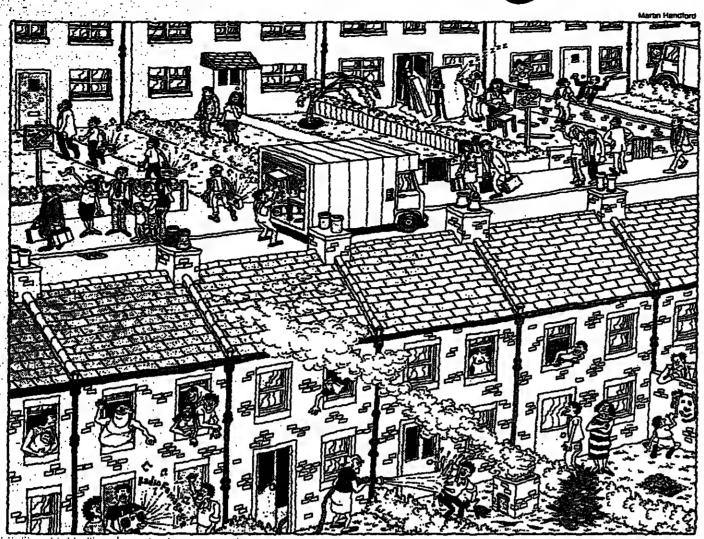
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ton University, who has recently taken part in a study, Disputes Between Neighbours, says."I cao confidently predict that most people, at some point in their lives, will have such serious problems with their neighbours that they will consider moving home." Two years ago, a salesman and his family from the West Midlands did just that because they were fed up with the woman oext door cootinually-appearing topless.

Sometimes people stay and battle it out - literally - and these are the disputes that can end in court. Earlier this year, there was a case involving a boundary dispute between a retired wing-commander and his neighbour. There were allega-tions of an attack with a cricket bat autographed by the 1948 Australian Test team, and tales

of a tug-of-war over a terrier. Other cases include the mothcr. who turned a hose on her neighbours because they banged on the wall during her daughter's piano practice, and the 63-yearold woman who broke her neighbour's new double-glazed window because she was sick of. the noise of power drills and electric saws.

In the first case, the judge declined to intervene saying it was "six of one and half a dozen of the other". In the second, the woman was given a conditional discharge for causing criminal damage; sympathetic magis-



trates cut the compensation costs because the DIY enthusiast would do most of the work

As Dr Cumberbatch says:"At first sight these incidents can seem trivial, almost laughable. But if someone has persistent problems with a neighbour, then relatively trivial incidents can be very distressing."

Eileen Purfield would agree.

For years she and her husband John, a retired electricity board worker, were involved to a boundary dispute with their elderly neighbour, George Mep-ham, to Turkey Road, Bexhill-on-Sea. The dispute dated back to 1949, when Mr Mepham moved next door to the house, then owned by Mr Purfield's

Originally the houses were divided by one footpath. In order to solve the arguments, Mr Purfield called in a surveyor who marked out the boundary, but then the arguments concentrated on who was, or wasn't, a few

ioches over the line. Mr. Mepham put up a fence. Mr Purfield took it down. Mr. Mepham put up a stronger fence, then a six-foot high wall. The Purfields decided to live with the wall, even though they felt it was : on their side of the boundary. . One of their sons painted a mural on it; and Mr Purfield put

up a shelf for his pot plants. Mr Mepham was outraged that they were "takiog possession" of his wall, so he knocked it down. Mr Purfield huilt another wall on the same foundations. Mr Mepham - who was in his 70s - came out with his sledgehammer and knocked

that wall down too. At this point, Mr Purfield called the police; both parties were bound over to keep the peace.

All this happened six years ago and Mr Mepham has since died. Mrs Purfield, aged 55, says: "The neighbours who moved in next were marvellous. But they have the house up for sale and it is a

hit worrying.
"It makes such a difference if you do get on. Before, when Mr Mepham was here, however much you told yourself to take no notice, the atmosphere was there all the time. He used to go up the gardeo and cut the heads off any of my roses that were barely hanging over his side.

"We did try to be friendly. One of my sons asked him round for a drink one Christmas but he told him, rudely, to go away. If someone is being deliberately awkward it's very hard to keep turning the other cheek."

uhlicist Dora Dobsoo also had a problem with a neighbour when she lived in Chohham, Surrey. She says:"Neighbours can make or mar your life. I was there for oine years, and for five I felt under constant pressure."

Mrs Dobsoo and her neighbour lived in a pair of Victorian semi-detached cottages facing some open land. She says:"It was beautiful - very old and very opeo - but people used to keep parking on it. I got involved with a protection society to stop this. My neighbour felt that the society had caused a parking problem so he turned his whole front gardeo into a parking space, and he used to park his dirty old van there.

Then his son got an old Jag and osed to park it aggressively outside my house, so that my entire view was of a van and this

"I put up a 6ft 6in fence between the gardens and then the son started harassing me, banging oo my window at night and shouting that he was going

to get me."
Disputes about garden walls and parked cars are by on means confined to country areas, although life in the inner cities hrings neighbour disputes of its own. When Liz and Lucci Pugliatti came back to their Gospel Oak flat in north London, after some months working in Italy, they found that the house oext door was now occupied hy a group of people, mostly

Mrs Pugliatti, a teacher, says: The trouble was that they seemed to sleep most of the day and come to life at about 8pm. Then the noise - music and so on - would go oo until about 3 or 4am. When we asked them if y could be quieter, we were told to get lost. "It was impossible. We were

unable to sleep for nights on end so eventually we put the flat on the market." Another oorth London wom-

an, who did oot wish to be named as she is still trying to get oo with her oeighbours, talked of the difficulties she faces.

"I've lived in this area for years, only it was in a third floor flat on the corner of a main road where all you could hear were the juggernauts thundering past.

I used to think that if only we could get away from the lorries, all would be peace and tranquility.

"It has not proved to be the case. There are as lot of Greek Cypriot families here and habits one finds endearing on a Mediterranean holiday when you don't have to get up early for work, are not quite so endearing when you do. On fine evenings, for instance, they like to suo themselves on the steps with their ghetto hlasters tuned in to Radio Famagusta. Although you get a brief respite between eight and nine wheo they disappear to eat, the noise can go oo till midnight

"And if someone arrives in a car, they won't park and get out and ring the doorbell like aoyone else. They sit in their car (with the radio on, of course) and beep until the persoo they've come for

comes down.

"I can remember one evening, there was a particularly loud hurst of music from the house opposite which woke my bahy up so suddenly that she was terrified. I rushed across the road with this screaming bahy in my arms and shouted look what you've done'. They thought I was quite mad, of course."

Noise is a common cause of disputes between neighbours, whether it is the sound of someone else's television or hi-fi or the persistent drone of a lawnmower in the suhurbs.

But if the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux's information booklet on neighbour disputes is anything to go by, then neighbours cao and do - fall out over almost

anything. Common neighbour disputes, it seems, involved boundaries, fences, walls and so on, animals, repairs and maintenance of a neighbour's property,

property and parking spaces. Mick Bradley, organizer of the Balham citizen's advice bureau, says disputes between neigh-bours - particularly over noise seem to have become slightly

shared amenities - drains drives and so on - bonfires.

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more common. He adds:"it doesn't take much for one person's enjoyment to become another person's night-mare." But he is also aware of the difficulties involved insolving such sensitive situa-tions. "It is rarely productive to start a shouting match or to threaten to take legal remedies. The police are often reluctant to get involved in what they see as domestic disputes and although taking civil action in the courts may stop someone doing some-thing, it can be extremely expensive and certainly woo't make your neighbour co-operative and friendly in the future."

r Cumberbatch agrees. He feels that neighbour disputes are a serious problem which have yet to be researched properly. He would like to see a large survey carried out to investigate the nature of these disputes and the ways io which complainants aggravate the situation by their own behaviour.

He says:"The Englishman still believes that his home is his castle and that he has certain rights. But when there is a difference of values between neighbours, it is a question of agreeing on terms of reference of ving next door to each other.

Probably most people make things worse by complaining. The neighbour is going to be put on the defensive and is likely to be aggressive back. He will take the complaint as a personal

So what are the best ways of tackling a problem with a neighbour? Don't lose your temper.

Invite him/her in for a

drink to talk over the problem; · Ask other neighbours if the problem affects them and see if you can make a joint approach; Check your facts before you fly off the handle - the local CAB office or environmental health department can give ad-

 Thick loog and hard before calling in the police or going to

The National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux points out: "The greatest chance of resolving a neighbour dispute and ensuring a better relatioo-ship between client and neighbours io the future is if the two sides can talk to each other." Eveo the legal profession

seems to agree that the law should only be a last resort. Trevor Aldridge, a lawyer and author of Your Home ond the Law, says:"We are very fond of the saving that an Englishmao's home is his castle, hut people don't always understand what the law allows. It only takes a few misunderstandings between neighbours for considerable illfeeling to build up."

#### **FIRST PERSON**

Why I'll never have words to explain why I abandoned my baby son

Many years ago — well, perhaps not that many, but long enough in social ottitudes to feet like an ocon I had a baby which I gave up for adoption. At the time the reasons for my decision were many and various and very pression. Lack of money, job, parental support, visible father, home — the decision to give the child up was almost inevitable. From the moment of decision, io the sixth

month of pregnancy, it was the child, oot my child, my baby. To make the act possible at all, one had to excise rigorously any possessive feelings one might be tempted to

When the child was born, however, it became my bahy. It had to, I was told I must look after it for IO days before it went to its adoptive home. And in those 10 days it

became my son.

I was told little of the adoptive parents beyond assurances that they were professional people wbo'll give the bahy everything you can't, dear". Those were the social worker's exact words. So, at the age of 10 days, my soo was handed over to total

strangers. To survive the experience, it was essential to use the same emotional control I had exercised during pregnancy: the only time control became impossible was oo my soo's hirthday, and I wept. I wept each hirthday for five years, before I learnt not to and kept the oche inside. But I wondered and

watched. I watched children of similar ages going off to playgroup, primary school, secondary school, and I wondered: how are you doing? l watched television programmes oo jnve-nile delinquency and child prodigies and I

wondered: is it yoo?

These days I am hoppily married with two legitimate children (my own mother still has to prevent herself from calling them real children, as if the first one was a trial ruo). I have a successful career and we live to comfortable middle-class prosperity. And we have all the things - and probably more - than my soo's adoptive pareots were able to give him.

I do resent it. I can't help it. I resent the fact that I dido't know life was going to pan out successfully. Perhaps if I'd kept the child it wouldn't have - another source of guitt. I resent the fact that young girls today, in the same position as I was, are called Single Parent Families and have massive back-up and support. I shouldn't resent it, but there we are.

Last year my soo must have taken his 0-levels. True, I dido't remember his birthday until the actual day, rather than the week before, but I still wonder how he did in his exams, whether he's planning to stay on at school, if he's planning to go oo to university, it he's ucemployed, Damo it, if he's still alive.

Still, very occasionally, the cast of a face in the street, the tone of a voice overheard in a shop, a name called among friends, and I'll wonder: is it yoo? And thanks to wellmeaning legislators, I live in abiding terror that one day I'll open the door to find a young man looking at my oice house, my swimmiog pool, my boisterous, well-fed kids and asking me: 'Why? What did I do wrong that you gave me away?' I don't know if I'll have the words to answer.

I read of some adopted children who "can't help wonderiog if she, or rather they, held on to us over all these years". Without wishing to cause pain or discomfort, I have to

answer: Yes, ever and always.

**Dilvs Jones** 

# Can emotional stress cause breast cancer?

cade the possibility that stress may be a trigger in the develop-ment of some cancers has beeninvestigated. Breast cancer and there have been indications that women who find it difficult to deal with emotional turmoil may be valuerable.

Next month's issue of the British Journal of Cancer has thrown further light on the subject with an analysis of Danish women. The aim was to investigate any links be-tween the loss of a husband and the risk of developing

husband, are the most stressful experiences women have to suffer. The Danish study makes optimistic reading of about 3,500 women half had breast cancer, the others did not. There was no atatistically significant difference between the divorce rates or the number of widows in the two groups; in fact there were slightly fewer widows and divorcees in the group with cancer. Perhaps the role stress plays should be re-examined.

Healing touch in the crypt

For many Christians Easter is the most spiritual time of year. For a group of doctors, clergy-Divorce, or death of a men and counsellors the place

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**MEDICAL BRIEFING** 

of the spirit in maintaining o healthy mind and body will soon have a physical ond practical dimension. The crypt of St Marylebone parish church in central London is being conversed into o centre for healing and counselling -believed to be the first formal arrangement to be made between the church and the medical profession.

By the beginning of next year patients will be able to visit the crypt and consult on NHS GP, a therapist who practises complementary (olternative) medicine or o religious counsellor. An appeal to raise funds to complete the

project was lounched earlier the Archbishop of Conterbury, Sir Douglas Black, President the ability of the Royal College of Physicians, and Lord Hailshom of youngest. St Marylebone.

series of consulting rooms says that the apparent loss of (including o music therapy room) will cost well over £1m and the fund-raisers are more starts tasting bland and dull. In the United States it was

an osteopath. Christian healing will also take place on the premises. Links are already forged with the Jewich Walder Board and the Raphael Centre which gives psychotherapy, and formal contact has been made with the mosque at

Regent's Park. NHS patients will not be Instant benefit charged for their care and patients using the other ser-vices will be told how much they cost and asked to contribute what they can. The crypt will also house a brain scanner to be used by private patients, the rent from which should defray some of the centre's

Putting the spice back into life



Old people find it increasingly difficult to read small print and but loss of these

two senses can be compensated for by specta-

cles and hearing aids. Taste. one of the other senses, also dims with time, but researchers at the University of Warwick suggest that this, too, can Researchers exposed 900

people between the ages of 20 and 80 to 10 everyday smells, including roasting meat, peppers, petrol, perfumes and toothpaste. There was, on average, a 20 per ceot loss in the ability to detect smells between the oldest and the Dr Steve Van Toller, of the

Conversion of the crypt to a department of psychology. appetite by many old people may be partly because food thon half way to their target.

Patients consulting a GP
con expect ordinary NHS
treatment, although the doctor

compensate for the loss, says Van Toller. Old people just need to learn to be more liberal with herbs and spices.

assessments



health centre than thesocial security office to find out what their social security entitlements are. Dr Brian Jarman, o GP and Professor of Primary

Care at St Mary's Hospital Medical School, west London, has succeeded in doing what the DHSS has so far failed to do — devise u computer pro-gram which will calculate benefit entitlements on the

action at the Lisson Grove and Kentish Town health centres in London and has been well received by the public. After it has been updated to incorporate the latest round of benefit changes, it is to be made available to other GPs in the country this summer.

result of six years' work, the DHSS having provided the manpower to help with its development over the last three years.

Speaking ut a meeting organized recently by the National Information Forum, -Dr Jarman said that half of those entitled to family income supplement did not receive it, and a third of those entitled to supplementary benefit did not claim. GPs were in an ideal position to spot those who might be entitled to and gain from financial help.

#### The twin link to prevent diabetes

pital and the Middlesex Hospital, London, have made an important discovery in our understanding of diabetes
Studying sets of identical
twins in which one of the pair
developed diabetes while the other stayed healthy, the doctors found that it is possible to recover from the disease pro-

Doctors at Kings College Hos-

cess that leads to diabetes. Many of the twins of diabetics showed changes in the immune system and in sugar toleraoce around the same time as the development of diabetes io the sibliog. But in the healthy twins the immune system somehow returned to normal and the damage to the insulin-secreting cells of the pancreas was limited.

The doctors, who reported their fiodings in last week's British Medical Journal, now want to find a way of limiting the damage therapeutically. They also intend to compare closely those twins who developed diabetes with those who did not, to see if there are any common environmental factors which might be a clue to the cause of diabetes.

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# DIARY

## The Beeb's April follies

The BBC's April Fool boax, which have discovered is due to be broadcast on BBC-2 next Tuesday night, seems in be going horribly wrong. Listed without any flourish in the Radio Times as A Question of Fact at 7.30 pm, it promises a sensational discovery" narrated by Magnus Magnusson. That "discovery" is a 1936 film showing Hitler on a secret visit to England to meet Edward VIII. "Evidence" is also produced suggesting a link between Hitler and the Abdication. Magnusson also discloses the equally "sensational" contents of the hitherto unpublished "diaries" of Unity Mittord, in which she writes. "The Führer turned to me with the gentlest look in his eyes and revealed his plans to deal with these horrid Jews. I cannot tell you how simply sensible it all is."
However, I am told the BBC hierarchy suddenly fears the programme could deeply offend the Povel Family, and the establish. Royal Family and the establishment - not to mention the Mit-ford family - and 1 believe the controller of BBC2. Graeme Mc-Donald, has recalled the pro-gramme. In a special redubbing session, he has apparently cut such phrases "horrid Jews". The programme, written by Alistair Beaton and produced by Ian Keill, is so worrying the Beeb that senior BBC-TV management have been tipped off in secret memos.

#### Oh lord!

Bill Rodgers, Labour minister turned Gang of Four member, chose the wrong door to knock on when canvassing in Fulham the other day: "You're wasting your time for two reasons." came a familiar voice from inside. "First I do not have a vote," said the former Labour Foreign Secretary. Lord Stewart of Fulham, "and secondly I wouldn't vote Alliance even if I did."

#### Stamped

Lesley Hammond, GLC member and Labour chief whip on the Inner London Education Authority, has been served with a bill by llea's finance department for spending £1,200 of GLC ratepayers' money in propaganda against Rupert Murdoch. She was found to have posted letters through the GLC urging llea's governing bodies to boycott News International titles. The good fairy, in the guise of Labour colleagues, have had a quick whipround, and coughed up £500 towards her debt. Just £700 to go.

No joke
Whatever happened to the showbiz career of the sacked Rabbi Clifford Cohen, who made headlines with his risage. headlines with his risque wisecracking double-act Mazel and Tor? Far from becoming the next half of Little and Large, he is consultant in adult education.



Splendid news! I've been commissioned to paint a photo of the Queen.'

#### Right hooked

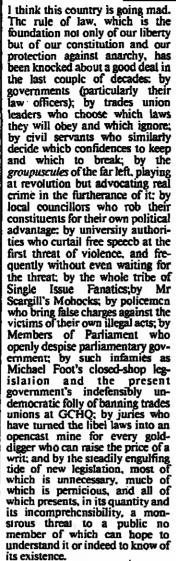
The right on Labour's national executive, fuming at the way Liverpool's Militants were let off the book this week, should remind themselves who dreams up the quorum rule that allowed a walkout to reduce the meeting to a shambles. When the right took a majority on the executive in 1982 they feared that the left would win voies by default by delaying key decisions until after busy right-wing trade-union barons had left for other business. Thus their first move was in increase the quorum from 10, which would have kept Tuesday's meeting running, in |5 — wbicb didn't.

#### First strike

Britain may have pulled out, but it is still treating Unesco to the rough edge of its tongue. The Office of the Auditor General, which has kept Unesco's books for . 40 years, is now lashing out at the organization's failure to discipline staff who went on strike last - December in protest at the autocratic management style of its secretary-general. M'Bow. In a letter the audit office notes that staff meetings lasted 14 hours and work was halted for seven hours while seven officials went on hunger strike, yet salaries were payed in full at the end of the month. The audit office also asks pointedly the cost of strikers using Unesco photocopying and translation services during the dispute. If Britain deals out any more brickbais like these. I would guess current mutterings by some members countries about ending Britain's supervision of Unesco finances (a nice little carner amounting to over £200,000 a

year) could increase in volume.

## Bernard Levin: the way we live now



its existence.
"The worst is not / So long as we can say this is the worst." For the latest assault on the structure and basis of our law is the growing belief - its growth apparently unstoppable - that if anyone is accused of a serious crime, not just by the prosecuting authorities but by the neighbours, the press and television, or any sufficiently dis-reputable MP in search of a headline, the accused must inevitably be guilty, and if he cannot be put in prison, he should at least be sacked from bis employment and delivered over to the attentions of a mob gathered outside his house to shout abuse and smash windows. Lynching never took root in this country; if some people have their way, it soon will,



I suppose it all began when, amid collective parliamentary hysteria, the law was changed to prohibit the publication of the name of any woman involved as a witness in criminal proceedings against a man who is alleged to have raped ber. (After some antiquary who still adbered to notions of even-handed justice pointed out that that was unfair to the accused man, the law was changed to give him, too, the protection of anonymity. Now, to the surprise of no one familiar with the eel-like suppleness of Home Secretaries' backbones, the present one has been dropping hints about abolishing the anonymity rule for the man but

not for the woman ) When the rule of law was thus being bent into strange and unlovely shapes, the louder and more unbridled among the groups demanding more severe punish-ments for rapists (Lord Denning has just been advocating castration] apparently began to believe that any man accused of rape must by virtue of the accusation alone, be guilty. That is not much of an exaggeration; we have already come dangerously close to demands for the abolition, in rape cases, of the defence of consent. and voices have been raised to demand restrictions on the crossexamination of women giving

cvidence of being raped. Rape is certainly one of the very vilest of crimes, for years made worse for the victim by the lack of sympathy it evoked, particularly among judges who behaved as though it was a trivial matter at best, and the fault of the woman at

The father who sends his son out

to look after the family estate

knowing there are desperate

armed men about is not generally

admired. But, says John the Evangelist, "God so loved the

world that he gave his only begotten son." God knew there

was a tree growing in Palestine

destined to be a Cross. What sort

The heart of the Christian faith

is that since before time began.

God is love. Love demands an

object. So comes the first glimpse

of the interloving Trinity of

Father. Son and Spirit not three

gods but onc. Therefore all three

are together in everything God

does. The only way to approach

Calvary is to realize that on that

Cross are Father and Spirit as well

poses of all the "explanations" of

the Crucifixion which are even

more contorted than the problem

Jesus did not walk the Way of

Sorrows and hang dehydrating in

the sun to appease a Father whose

pride had been offended. Jesus

was not a sacrifice to bribe a

icalous tyrant. Jesus was man as

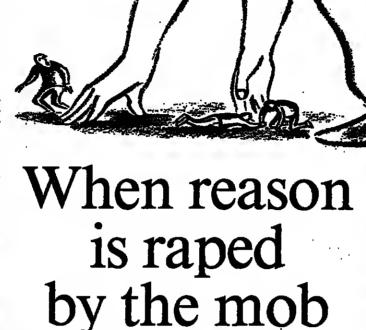
God sees him. and God as man

The church down the centuries

has tried to plumb the depths of

as the Son. That effectively dis-

of parent was he?



worst. But as the pendulum has swung, we are in very real danger of an assumption that no woman ever deliberately encourages a man's advances knowing where they are tending, still less that she ever brings a wholly false charge; if rape is alleged, reason flees.

And when the alleged offence of sexual molestation concerns children, the baying has recently become even louder and uglier. In the two most recent notorious instances, the relevant authorities saw, and said, that no prosecution could succeed, because of the laws which govern evidence by young children and the corroboration sucb evidence requires.

Frustrated by the requirements of justice, the hunters, in the press and in the streets, found that they had at last got two real targets marked down for vengeance, in the shape of a doctor and a clergyman, whose bomes were promptly invested by a crowd of amateur executioners eager to demonstrate their skills and with an alarmingly good chance of

being allowed to do so. I have no doubt the been cases in which rapists, or those who have sexually abused children or treated them with nonsexual sadistic brutality, have gone unpunished because of the law's requirements. But that is the inevitable result of having a system of court law instead of mob law, guesswork law, party-political law, tittle-tattle law, publicity law or no law. A man is not to be punished unless he has been convicted, in due form and in a properly constituted court. according to laws and rules laid down in advance. If be is acquitted, or not tried because acquittal would be inevitable, he is entitled to a presumption of innocence, even if the whole village is united in thinking him guilty, the media have demonstrated as much to their own satisfaction, and twothirds of the House of Commons are either of a similar opinion or more likely - think it wise to placate the noisier of their constit-

uents by pretending that they are. "Hard cases make bad law." O. but soft ones make far worse! It is natural and understandable instinct - an almost essential instinct - for buman beings capable of empathy to want to mete out retribution to those who have violated women or harmed chil-

Atonement with the curiosity of a

small boy who takes his toy engine

apart and wrecks it in the attempt

to find the driver. In such an

attempt the church has tried to do

better than the Bible. The New

Testament, according to some scholars, has about 14 beginnings

of attempts to analyse the process

of Atonement. Yet the only safe

ground remains with the Creeds:

late, was crucified, dead and

buried: the third day he rose again

Ponderings and puzzlings not

only obscure the facts. They can

come close to the hubris which

was the beginning of sin. It was,

significantly, the tree of the knowl-

edge of good and evil whose fruit

was forbidden in Eden. Kant

said:"When we know all things we

shall know the Divine Wisdom

was as wise in what He did as in

Adam and Eve had not read

Kant. They grabbed the tree and

released the evil. They had as little

chance as the sorcerer's apprentice

of escaping the deluge. Their descendants would be soiled by

the One He revealed."

from the dead."

... Suffered under Pontius Pi-

dren; womanbood defiled on the one hand, and the damaging of innocence and vulnerability on the other, naturally call forth feelings of revenge.

But it is a distinguishing mark of civilization that private revenge (and more particularly vicarious private revenge) is not to be countenanced; vengeance is mine, saith the law, I will repay. And if I cannot repay, the law goes on, because my hands are tied by rules made necessary by the requirements of justice, let no man presume to usurp my function. No feelings, however powerful, widespread and understandable, are a substitute for the careful processes of law, and of law, moreover, free of all feeling on the part of those involved in its operation.

It is a well-nigh universal law, that in any situation which induces insensate anger among the observers of it, nothing but calm and reason can deal with the situation that has brought about the rage. The present state of affairs demands calm and reason as never before. Yet this is the very moment at which the government proposes to abolish the right to trial by jury in cases involving criminal charges considered trivial (for an innocent man there is no such thing as a criminal charge that is trivial), and to abolish also the right of a defendant to make three peremptory jury-challenges and thus ensure that, in compliance with the law and the constitution, he is tried by a jury of his peers. And worst of all, after a third recent case, there is now growing pressure, of exactly the kind governments are keen to give in to, for a change in the law which would enable a jury in criminal proceedings to know of previous convictions registered against the defendant they are trying.

Do I really have to tell Times readers why that is a very bad idea? Very well, then, I shall. It is a very bad idea because a jury is not required, or even permitted, to say whether the accused is a villain; they are required to say only, on the evidence before them, whether he has or has not been proved beyond a reasonable doubt to have committed the crime of which he has been accused; we do not punish a man for being the kind of person who would be likely to break the law, only for actually breaking it.

sin. So the second Adam came to

introduce into the buman blood-

stream a dialysis. The first Adam

reached for a tree to take. The

second bung from a tree to give.

poetry of God's promises.

Humanity looked up at the heav-

ens and said: "Show me. Make it

real." The essence of Good Friday

is that it is an Act of God, not the

act of one of His servants. Even

the Word did not remain mere

verbalizing. It became flesh, cru-

Resurrection are among the best-

attested events in the ancient

world. The events of the Creed are

historical enough to promote an

obscure Roman provincial gov-

ernor (who washed his hands of

the matter) to the permanent role

The Cross is the intersection

between the cosmic, the eternal,

the transcendent and the specific,

local, present-tense, immanent, It

stretches the arms of a dying man

until symbolically they embrace

eternity and reach out for all

The Crucifizion and the

cified flesh.

of the famous.

creation even as it is.

But such words are the cosmic

When the word was crucified

An agony and love beyond our questioning:

a Good Friday meditation by Dewi Morgan

This hideous rush to judgment must be halted. We are in great danger of losing our footing on a slope at the bottom of which lie things that have no place in a civilized nation, yet there are people, not all of them unpeople, not all of them un-important, without influence, or foolish, urging us all to slide faster. If the law is inadequate to punish people whom the multitude wish to see punished, the argument goes, let the multitude be given the power of punishment. If there are rules of evidence to ensure a fair trial, let the rules be altered until the outcome of a trial is not so much fair as pleasing to the multitude. If the law of contempt probibits pre-trial discussion of the guilt or innocence of the accused, let a new contempt law be

framed, by the workings of which the multitude may condemn in advance a man whose face or demeanour they find displeasing.

Alternatively, let us remember what Plato called it " , that golden and hallowed drawing of indement which goes by the page. judgment which goes by the name of the public law of the city". There has been precious little such judgment these past few weeks, as the public law of the city has been trampled in the stampede to establish a new kind of justice, in which the courts are ignored, the rule of law rejected, the necessity of proof dispensed with and the right to determine whose head shall fall given to those who can shout the loudest.

But those who can shout the londest do not necessarily have justice on their side, as one of my ancestors pointed out to Barabbas. I think it is time, high time, for voices to be lowered. It is important for us to reflect upon the damage already done to our rule of law-while those who profess or aspire to lead us have so often acquiesced in the damage, and in some cases applauded it. But first, let quiet reign. If it reigns long enough, we might be able to hear this exchange, between More and Roper, in Robert Bolt's A Man for all Seasons:

The law. Roper, the law. I know what's legal, not what's right. And I'll stick to what's legal ... What would you do? Cut a great road through the law to get after the

I'd cut down every law in England to do that! Oh? And when the last law was down, and the Devil turned round on you — where would you hide, Roper, the laws all being flat? This country's planted thick with laws from coast to coast - Man's laws, not God's - and if you cut them down - and you're just the man to do it - d'you really think you could stand upright in the winds that would blow then?



A few bours of intense agony

and Jesus was dead. "As dead as a noxious bird nailed to a barnyard

door," said Cardinal Newman.

We must avoid any sentimental-ity, any clichés, over this. The

final fact of Calvary is that Jesus

was beyond bone of doing any-

thing for himself. So he went to the

place of the very dead: "He

preached to the spirits in prison,

says Peter (1 Peter 3: 19). No one,

even the departed, shall be left out.

careless about its verbs, but we are

much nearer the truth when we

say that Jesus "was raised" rather

than "rose". The verb must be

passive because Jesus, dead, could

Jesus, who had brought new

blood into this world, became the

pattern of the new life in the next.

He was still Jesus recognizable in

his post-resurrection appearances.

but now he was that Jesus for

whom his followers would face

divine had effected the as-one-

ness between God and man. Is

there anyone whose insight is

strong enough to gaze straight at

all this except through a glass

The author is a former rector of St

Bride's, Fleet Street. -

The Jesus who was human and

lions in the imperial circus.

not be active.

darkly?

The church has sometimes been

# **David Watt** A triumph for nationalism

The clash between the US and Libya in the Gulf of Sirte this week has been variously interpreted as a foolish case of superpower ma-chismo and, alternatively, as the well-merited defeat of a serious challenge to international law. It can equally well be seen as an example of two politicians, both masters of the art of publicity, grappling with nationalism — the most potent political force in the modern world - and turning it to their own use. The advantage of this perspec-

tive is that it explains something

that looks extremely odd on any other interpretation - namely the fact that both sides are equally delighted by the outcome. President Reagan is basking in a remarkable sunburst of bipartisan approval which will help him get support for his defence budget and will probably tip the Congress-ional balance in favour of aid to the Nicaraguan rebels. Colonel Gadaffi has successfully whipped up a tempest of enthusiasm at home by his defiance of the "American imperialists", and aroused popular sympathy in every country in the Arab world. The repercussions on American standing in the Middle East and in Europe no doubt seem as trivial to Reagan as the failure to establish his claim to the whole Cyrenaican Sea must to Gadaffi.

There is not much point in Europeans agonizing about how to turn Gaddafi into a quiet, statesmanlike member of the international community, rather than the Ken Livingstone of the Levant It cannot be done. His relatively precarious domestic situation, as well as his personal egotism and vanity, ensure that he will continue to devote his considerable skills to exploiting the paranoid aspects of Arab nationalism. Assuming we reject the risky option of a physical attempt (in the manner of Suez) to replace him with a western puppet, the only plausible strategy is to limit the damage he can inflict — by taking strong practical measures against terrorism through helping the Middle East peace process, and, above all, by denying him issues on which be can strike heroic stances.

The more debatable question for Europeans is whether we should try to blunt the force of American nationalism, and if so bow.Since 1917 when the US first came on to the world stage, the difficulty we have faced in dealing with the Americans has been the same. It is that the American democracy is virtually incapable of acting in foreign affairs except under the impulse of emotion. Presidents may device policies based purely on a cool perception of national interest, but they cannot proceed to implement them unless they can mobilize a common sentiment in Congress and public opinion. This is a very difficult thing to do in a gigantic plural society unless the feelings involved are very strong and simple. National pride anger, fear, hate, hope, and moral fervour are the essential fuels and without them the engine of Ameri-can world leadership lapses into isolationism and despair. The consequence has been that

nearly all American presidents who have tried to mobilize suppose for a positive foreign policy. from Woodrow Wilson onwards, have had to oversell their wares. Wilson and Roosevelt convinced Americans that their principles would produce a world justice in which war could be outlawed; digious military expenditure with the fear of a global red peril; Eisenhower, Kennedy and Carter all embarked on moral crusades for "firedown". Johnson tald them for "freedom", Johnson told them at every step of the way that technological superiority would win the Vietnam war, Nixon painted a picture of peace in our painted a picture of peace in the time through detente; Réagan has combined a version of the freedom campaign with a more recent vision of a world from which nuclear weapons can be banished by technology.

Every one of these ideas has been a profound disappointment, and each has eventually produced disillusionment and often dangerous reactions. And yet each, in its time, has put together a constituency for external action by appealing to America's idea of itself as specially righteous, specially powerful and specially entitled to deploy righteousness and power on a world scale. Every one of these ideas has

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This fact has always created the central dilemma for America's allies. Accepting that American moralistic nationalism is the condition of American action, would be always to be a subject to the condition of American action. we rather do without either? Our usual answer has been to try to undo the package and have American action without its accompanying disadvantages. But we have constantly been frustrated by the imprestives of American by the imperatives of American politics — and never more so than under this administration. The case for Reagan is that by restoring the necessary emotional elements of hope and pride to America after Watergate, Vietnam, Tehran and the rest, he has actually restored the essential psychological foundations of American foreign policy. The case against him is that he has only been able to do so by talking a lot of ideological bot air, by distorting the American economy to deal with a largely imaginary military crisis, and by resurrecting illusions of American

The Gadaffi affair is the latest example of this contradiction. It gives Americans the invigorating impression that they have clipped the wings of an anti-social monster, expunged the humiliation of the Achille Lauro, and dem-onstrated American power to a sceptical world, in the process it has given. Gadaffi an un-covenaffed bonus, created unnecessary difficulties for moderate Arab leaders and invited a nem-esis of anger when new terrorist attacks demonstrate that nothing much has been changed. The trouble is that the two conquences are inseparable. cannot have one set without the other. And in these circumstances there is nothing for Europe to do with Reagan, any more than with Gadaffi, except to recognize the inevitable and try to limit the damage as best we can.

#### moreover . . . Miles Kington

# An asdfghjkl of bestsellers

Here is a selection of some of the more interesting books due to appear during the rest of 1986.

Farewell to the GLC, a lavish colour book fonded by the GLC, produced by the GLC with an introduction by Ken Livingstone (GLC, £15).

Everyday Life in the GLC by Laurie Taylor. An amusing pop-sociological survey of what it was like to work in the old GLC Empire, or at least a few amusi interviews with people who used to work there (Paradigm, £12). Asking Wendy Cope Out for a

Drink. A new volume of poems by Kingsley Amis, including some accurate parodies of Kingsley Amis (Kaolin & Morphine, £8.95).

The Wu and Wisdom of Sarah Ferguson (Slimbacks 75p). A Complete History of the American-Libyan War, 1986, by Major-General Sir Max Hastings. Hastings was the first man to walk into liberated Tripoli, and this is his vivid but sober account of how he managed to combine winning the war with running the Daily Telegraph (Frontline, £15.95).

Egon Ronay Guide to Res-taurants That Do Not Speak English. Mr Ronay's quest for eating places not so far covered now extends to menus written entirely in pictograms (Chinese), incomprehensible languages (Far East cookery), French that the French cannot understand (nouvelle cuisine) and English thatthe English cannot understand (everywhere else) (£4.50).

Great Underwater Treasures of the V&A, by Sir Roy Strong. Features a cover photo of the indomitable Strong in bathing trunks and snorkel (V&A, £19).

Farewell, Halley's Comet, by Laurie Taylor. An entertaining survey of people's reactions to Halley's comet, or at least a few amusing interviews with people who saw it (Paradigm Books, £12).

What's It All About, Then? by Dr Jonathan Miller, In 1985 a mysterious studio set worth millions of pounds appeared in the BBC, labelled Origins. Where did it come from? How was it built? Where is it now? Dr Miller answers all these baffling ques-

tions (BBC, £9.99). Things That Have Recently Fallen Over and Broken at the V&A. A. lavish picture book by Sir Roy Strong, with a cover photo of the author with a tube of Araldite (Nicky Bird Books, £17).

The Wedding. Seventeen books of the same name rushed out for the marriage of Prince Andrew. Watching the World Cup. A highly stimulating survey of people's reactions to the 1986 World Cup Finals, or at least a few chats between Laurie Taylor and some of his mates who saw it (Paradigm Books, £13).

Homage to Asdighild, by Anthony Burgess. A set of sparkling book reviews written by Mr Burgess entirely on the middle row of the typewriter keyboard, and the first major work of his without the letter "E" (Gihdgs Books, £15). We Never Sued Anyone, by

Richard Ingrams. Mr Ingrams achieved his ambition in 1986 of stopping being a Shrewsbury Old Boy and going straight on to being a grand old man of letters. In this moving memoir, he describes what it is like to bypass middle age completely (Eyebooks, £14.50).

Cockaail Recipes, by Roger Scruton. Scruton examines the philosophical basis for man's desire to mix drinks together, and relates this unnatural practice to our modern malaise. His recipes for a Wittgenstein Wallhanger, Existentialist Fizz and Long, Slow Scruton should provide a talkingpoint (Martini & Nietzsche, £14.50).

Egon Ronay Guide to Lourie Taylor's Eating-places. With a lavish cover photo of Sir Roy Strong with apron and wok (Trendbooks,£16). All the above, remaindered for

Christmas.

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#### THE NEW INTOLERANCE

Britain was, until recently, a society almost notorious for its tolerance. Admittedly, this was generally explained as the result of the British people's lack of interest in religious and political questions rather than as a commitment to the principle of toleration.

Still the practical effect was that the most eccentric and offensive views could be freely expressed without blows being exchanged. Not everyone approved. But if any threat to free speech was discerned twenty years ago, it was thought to come from a puritan Right of provincial aldermen and maiden aunts hostile to artistic freedom in sexual matters, rather than from any political tendency. Left revolutionaries were then too few in number for any policy but unqualified support for free speech to be in their interest. They still are few in number. But because they are concentrated in a few areas notably higher education, the public sector, large cities and in particular their decaying centres - some now appear to feel that they can safely and justifiably set limits to what is acceptable opinion in public debate.

The controversy over the Bradford headmaster, Mr Ray Honeyford, was the first of these recent episodes. No sooner had this been settled, however, than it was followed by an attack upon the Conservative MP. Mr John Carlisle. at Oxford. Several other speakers have since been prevented from speaking at universities by the threat of riot

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1 1 1 1 At Two new instances of the higher intolerance are now on view in the Bristol area. Professor John Vincent has had his entertaining history lectures at Bristol University disrupted by mobs protesting

MRS AQUINO'S HARD CHOICES

accusations that her accession

to power had changed nothing.

She also risked losing at least

the possibility of eventually

neutralizing the armed oppo-

nents of the Marcos regime, in

In these circumstances, the

decision to dissolve the Na-

tional Assembly and formally

suspend the Constitution

while maintaining the civil

rights it theoretically guar-

anteed, was a shrewd move. By avoiding the term "revolutionary" to describe

her government (preferring to

call it "provisional"), she also

avoided alienating middle

class Filipinos and the

If nothing else, the decision

to declare a provisional gov-

ernment and promise new

National Assembly elections

within a year buys the Aquino

government time. What it

cannot do is postpone awk-

ward decisions indefinitely.

country's foreign creditors.

particular the Communists.

When Corazon Aquino be-- came President of the Philippines one month ago, she faced a clear but potentially divisive choice. She had to decide whether to work with the constitutional accourrements of the Marcos era - the National Assembly dominated by his KBL party and the Marcos constitution of 1973 or, riding high on her wave of popular support, to make a clean break with the past.

Either course had its risks. If she decided to sever all ties with the past; she risked creating an impression of instability. She also risked criticism from those who saw a contradiction between the number of people in her own Cabinet who had faithfully served the former regime and her abandonment of the pro-Marcos National Assembly. If, on the other hand, she decided to maintain the mechanisms of power associated with ex-President Marcos, she risked

The first of these will have to last years of his rule. ONLY ONE OF LONDON'S PROBLEMS

The line of authority has

changed but the scope for

controversy and the perti-

nence of questions about pub-

lic expenditure: these go on.

Mechanisms for achieving

public consensus will be

needed, which is why, already,

there are voices predicting that

some kind of conurbation-

wide representative body will

before long have to be

case for abolition - and one

that could have been made

with much more aplomb by

ministers. The governance of the city areas of England by big

but weak county councils has

been open to question since

Mr Peter Walker's reforms of

It has never been clear (and

it is still unclear) why there

had to be a uniform system for

such manifestly different ur-

ban entities as the West Mid-

lands (a continuous built-up

area) and South Yorkshire,

(four separate, free-standing

towns.) It has never been clear

(nor has the abolision exercise

clarified) wby Birmingham or

Leeds should not run their

own buses and fire service and

The last great report on the

government of London was Sir

Edwin Herbert's. His dictum

about the City of London -

that logic could only go so far

- applied also to the arrange-

ments set up in 1963. As then

squeezed between the central

government's perennial in-

terest in the way the capital

the early 1970s.

police forces.

Of course there was always a

recreated.

Io the United States the "new federalism" has transferred powers and responsibilities out of the central government to where they can be better managed and supervised by states and local authorities. It is among President Reagan's unnoticed achievements. In France a government of different ideological stripe has pushed against centuries of political centralisation to give French administration a genuine regional element. This has been applauded on right and on left.

And in Britain? This weekend the Greater London Council and the Metropolitan Councils are abolished in a welter of partisanship and indignity. Power slides further to Whitehall and Westminster.

Half a cheer can be raised that, at last, an unedifying episode is over. Half a cheer. too, that the extravagant business of demobilisation - with its last-minute rush of council grants, gifts and spoils - has come to an end. But this is not

the end of the conurbations. Decisions about the capital's roads and vehicles must stillbe made - and controversy about them will not die just because they will henceforth be made in the bowels of the Department of Transport. Likewise London's river. That its future lies with a private company (The Thames Water Authority) will not diminish public interest in its cleanliness, height or traffic. Ditto the predicted, the GLC was disposal of the conurbations' refuse; their protection against fire, their encircling green

against his column in the Sun newspaper. And Mr Jonathan Savery is threatened with suspension from his post at the Avon Multicultural Education Centre (MEC) in Bristol where some of his colleagues regard his article, "Multicultural Education as Witchcraft", as

The two cases differ significantly. Physical violence was used against Professor Vincent. A greater assault on academic freedom can scarcely be imagined than violently halting a professor's university lectures because of his association with an outside institution to which the protesters object.It is some consolation, however, that the Bristol University authorities apparently intend to take punitive measures against such students as took part in the

It is from the authorities in the Avon education area, however, that the threat to suspend Mr Savery comes. The Director of Education, Mr P. Coleman, argues that there is a prima facie case against him.

disruption.

These differences should not obscure the central similarity. Both men are being punished for expressing an opinion. Professor Vincent's breezy populist Sun column is thought objectionable on grounds that it is "sexist".

Mr Savery is being harassed because he expressed the view that multicultural education should concentrate npon teaching useful language skills to minority children rather than upon uncovering the supposedly entrenched racism of British society as his critics think proper.

Mr Coleman, in a letter to The Times on the Savery case, advanced the following justification: "If an individual's expression of opinion is extreme and provocative enough

offensive to others, particularly those with whom he or she is supposed to be working, then whose freedom is put at

The answer to that question is, quite simply, nobody's freedom is put at risk. They may be offended. They may even be rightly offended. But nobody at an institution of higher education has any grounds for complaining that he has been offended by contrary opinion, nor any claim to be protected from the

What is further alarming in

experience.

these two cases is the extreme scope of the complaint that offence has been given. The charge of "sexism" against Professor Vincent boils down to the fact that his articles appear in a newspaper near to some photographs judged sexually offensive. And Mr Savery, in effect, is condemned for not demonstrating sufficient zeal in his antiracism. If such are the standards by which speech is banned and punishment determined, who shall escape whip-

ping? Yet for some keepers of the liberal conscience, a charge of racism is equivalent to proof of it, "Sexism", too, is beginning to acquire the same capacity to damn.

That perhaps explains the ominous calm with which these recent cases of censorship have been greeted both outside the universities and sometimes within them. It is disturbing, for instance, that the Association of University Teachers has been so slow to comment publicly on the Vincent case.

Toleration is a fine tradition. But it should hardly be extended to the point where it fails to notice intolerance altogether.

be made in the next few weeks with the selection of the commission to draft the new constitution. The balance between political groupings will

have to be carefully drawn.

The other risk inherent in the declaration of the provisional government is the power President Adulno has now arrogated to herself. For the time being, Mrs Aquino's pledges to use her power judiciously and in consultation with her Cabinet can be taken at face value. And if the timetable for drafting and approving the new constitution is adhered to, the time bought by the decision will have been well used and the Philippines should have a new constitutional and popularly elected government within a year. But if momentum is lost, the country will have a President with no less power than Ferdinand Marcos had in the

of the boroughs. The GLC's bid to plan failed when, first, its great 1960's road scheme and, then, its map of future development were defeated by political partisanship and economic change. The GLC never managed to find the bridge that could link the disparate interests of London's affluent suburbs and its poorer core

and East End. But the principled case for re-organising London's government, say, by depriving the GLC of its executive functions while enhancing its deliberative and oversight capacities, was made by no-one. The public has been left with an impression of misused central authority.

Administrative logic has little place in the oew arrangements. The Inner London Education Authority is left, an odd vestige of a London Council Council that died 25 years ago. Rate equalisation, the primary means of redistributing money from the business class and from the more affluent areas, is left intact.

Since 1981, the government has expended large amounts of its energy and parliamentary resource on abolition. That is now accomplished. But the purpose of the exercise considered among the priorities set for Britain by Mrs

Thatcher - is open to doubt. That doubt will grow as, inevitably, the governance of the capital and the metropolitan areas continues to demand the attention of politicians and was run and the assertiveness public. 

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

growth of our own activities in the US.

All these movements are

fraught with daogers. Freedom of

investment must work in all directions. Well-judged inter-national investment, whether hy

Americans in Britain or by Britons

io America or elsewhere, is the

invigorating the world economy.

with pride last week of Britain's £90 billion net overseas assets. He

might also have mentioned that by the end of 1984 American direct

investment holdings in this coun-

try had amounted to \$32 billion in

preference to other parts of Europe where the money would have been

just as welcome. We must not

copardise this valuable flow of

finance and its implications for

country may we, therefore, most urgently ask all those who are

fuelling this anti-American prej-

udice, both in and out of Par-

liament and Government, to think

Yours faithfully, PATRICK SHEEHY, Chairman,

Chairman, Unilever plc. PETER WALTERS, Chairman,

The British Petroleum Company

approval for the setum home of a

child in care to those children who

are especially at risk of physical or

The Bill does not "transfer

responsibility" from the social

workers to the magistrates. It

imposes the need, in selected

cases, for a second opinion. If the

social workers are against return,

then there is no return. It is only if

they propse return that they need

confirmation from the the court.

Their second opinion will be a

In any case, there is no justifica-

tion for the assertion that mag-

istrates would be more likely to

send children home than social

workers if required to consider the

matter judicially, and oo justifica-

non for the comment that the Bill

would not have saved Jasmine

Beckford's life. We cannot tell

Mr Walters's Bill would not

hinder family courts or major law

reform if and when those arrived.

But while we wait, Sir, let us help

those children as best we can within the limits of what is

Chairman, Family Law Bar

From the Director-General of the

Sir, The National Trust shares the

concern of Mr Faulkner and other

correspondents (March 20) for the

conservation of Corfe Castle, vil-

lage and surrounding landscape. We recognise the dangers posed by

intensive visiting and certainly have no intention of "redeveloping" the village.

We believe the route of the

proposed by-pass is the key issue.

The County Council has itself

collected a comprehensive body of

data and opinions (including those

of the Trust) on the several options available. We doubt

whether an independent study at

this stage would further illuminate

the problem. What is needed is a

conclusion based upon impartial assessment of the facts and argu-

In these circumstances the Trust

would urge the Secretary of State

to call in the proposals in order

that a public enquiry can be held as sooo as possible, and a decision

reached which takes account of all

the national and local consid-

36 Queen Anne's Gate, SWL

Sir. I enjoyed Mr Rainford's letter

in today's Times. I pay myself the notional sum of £4 an hour. A

cleaner gets £3 an hour. I then

stand back from what I have

painted and ponder how much I

can get for the painting - £4, £40, £400 or £4,000?

Here is the nuh of what every

We came from a community

traumaused by war and exile,

betrayed and unwanted, discrimi-

nated against in jobs and housing.

destined to live for 10 years and

longer in Nissen huts with no

amenities, and with no commis-

sion for racial or any other

equality in sight.
Yet only two of those 15 failed to go on to higher education or

To my knowledge we were

typical of the Polish community in

Britain as a whole, in turn l

brought up my children speaking no English, as we speak Polish at

home, confident that they would

learn English at school as quickly

and naturally as I and my friends

did. I was not mistaken.

training of some kind.

ments assembled.

ANGUS STIRLING.

Finding a fake

From Mr Roy Alderson

artist asks himself.

ROY ALDERSON

37 Smith Terrace, SW3.

Yours faithfully.

March 18.

Yours etc

Trust.

March 25.

possible - and let us do it now.

unless the Bill is tried.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT JOHNSON,

Temple, EC4.

National Trust

**Corfe Castle** 

March 21.

Association, Queen Elizabeth Building,

support and a safeguard.

B.A.T. Industries plo

B.A.T. Industries plc,

50 Victoria Street, SWI.

Windsor House,

March 26.

moral harm.

KENNETH DURHAM.

in the real interests of this

most powerful of all engines for

The Chancellor himself spoke

#### Concern over attitudes to US

From the Chairman of B.A.T. Industries and others

Sir. As chairmen of three of Britain's largest companies, with major investment interests in the US as well as other parts of the world, may we express our grave concern about developments in this country which are beginning to look to our overseas colleagues and partners like a simple resurgence of anti-American prejudice which can do nothing but harm to this country's fundamental economic interests.

I. The Westland affair revealed the existence of a strong body of public opinion more concerned to voice its suspicion of the Americans than to find the best solution to a complex industrial problem. 2.The breakdown of negotiations with General Motors over the future of Leyland Trucks and Land-Rover showed that the body of opinion was strong enough to influence government action and thwart an important proposal for Anglo-American business co-operation which might have provided the best solution to another complex industrial problem.

3. The introduction in the recent Budget of a discriminatory tax on American depositary receipts is bound to be viewed in the US as a deliberate attempt to block US investment in British companies. It comes ineptly at the very time when we and others have made great efforts to build up strong US shareholdings to support the

#### Children in care

From the Chairman of the Family Law Bar Association Sir, The letters from Mr Louis

Blom-Cooper, QC, and others and from Lady Faithfull (March 19 and 21) are recipes for inaction. Of course in an ideal world we would have a radically different court structure for dealing with child care cases, and a radically reformed, and codified, law.

As it is, we are a long way from achieving any kind of consensus as to the form of family courts, and any new system would require finance and resources which seem unlikely to be made available in priority to other equally compelling needs. As to the law, although we now have a range of reforms proposed by the DHSS working party, when will they be effective? Meanwhile children suffer. The

Family Law Bar Association has over 600 members specialising in family law. We support the initiative of Mr Dennis Walters, MP, in putting forward a Bill which would make modest adjustments to the law at comparatively little cost and which, in our view, would be of practical benefit to a number of children.

I suspect that when your correspondents wrote they were maware of the substantial amendments which had been proposed by Mr Walters and which were accepted in committee on March 19. These have the effect of limiting the need for magistrates'

#### **Budget reflection**

From Dr Anne Vollmer Sir, Until yesterday I was a potential user of the Business Expension Scheme. I am trying to raise finance to start a muring home in the Midlands to care for the elderly confused. As I understand it the business will no longer be eligible under the BES as it will have more than 50 per cent of its

assets in the property.

While these exclusions appear
to be well received by many, it
leaves the genuine small businessman in a difficult position. There is no advantage in having a high asset-backed venture when it comes to seeking a traditional loan, if the individual is only able to out up a very small amount of personal capital. The risk remains high on account of meeting the

Might Mr Lawson therefore consider amending these new exclusions so that people with only a very small amount of capital may still be eligible? After all, this was surely the aim of the BES.

Yours faithfully. ANNE VOLLMER, 9 Hatton Terrace, Hatton, Warwickshire. March 19.

#### In place of stress

From Mrs Cecily L. M. Tolson Sir, The article hy Pearce Wright and Craig Setnn, "A guide to stress and how to get rid of it (report, March 22), misses out the best solution of all — namely, the Christian faith.

Those who give their lives to God include giving up their stresses 10 him. They receive in return the peace that passes all Yours faithfully

CECTLY L. M. TOLSON. 45 Northumberland Road. Barnet, Hertfordshire.

#### At school in England From Mrs Barbara Darowska

Sir. I am sure that the Polish community would wish to be "included out" from Professor Bhiku Parekh's list of minorities allegedly disadvantaged in English schools (report, March 11). Our experience, the inngest of all on his list, is quite different.

As a child of six I started attending school in rural Herefordshire in 1949. I shall never forget the kindness and good sense with which the teachers coped with that sudden influx of 15 children of assorted ages, with no English whatsoever, into a school of some twenty-odd pupils in two classrooms.

#### 'Parlous' status of Prayer Book

From Professor Basil Mitchell ond others

Sir. We are writing as commu-nicant members of the Church of England who have for some time been concerned about the deteriorating position of the Book of Common Prayer. Five or six years ago there were several vigorous and hroadly based public protests on this matter, and in 1981 the bishops responded with a state-ment which recognized the need to keep the Prayer Book in the mainstream of Anglican worship and appeared to promise substantial improvements, especially in the theological colleges.

Since theo many people, our-selves included, have felt it proper 10 refraio from further comment, not wishing to cast doubt on the seriousness of the reassurances given in 1981, and concerned to allow time within which improvements might occur.

However, nearly half a decade later, it is our impression that the position of the Book of Common Prayer in the parishes is much worse and in the theological colleges is almost as parlous as it ever was. Young priests are still arriving in the parishes with little or no experience of the Prayer Book, and in many places there is pressure against those congrega-

tions who still use it. Clergy at their own gatherings appear to assume that the Alternative Service Book is, in fact, a replacement for the Book of Common Prayer, in spite of numerous public statements to the contrary (as, for example, in the recent edition of Public Worship in the Church of England).

We, therefore, wish to express our surprise and disappointment that the hopes aroused by the reassurances given have proved largely illusory. It is not just a matter of pastoral concern for the very large numbers who are devoted to the Prayer Book though this, surely, should carry weight - but that, in facing the problems of the modern world, the Church needs to draw on the full measure of its spiritual resources. Yours etc.

BASIL MITCHELL RACHEL TRICKETT. MARY HESSE DEREK BREWER. Oriel College, Oxford. March 21.

#### Scottish salmon From Mr Jonathan Stansfeld

Sir, James Fergusoo in his article of March 8 speaks of salmon resource management by neglect, especially in Scotland. The truth is that Scottish salmon have been managed with intelligence and skill and that our salmon stocks are sull largely intact in spite of massive interception, a burgeon-

In the early 1960s when nylon made the drift net so deadly, it was allowed to develop in England, while Scotland enforced a ban. In the early 1970s Scotland rightened the screw by banning any form of salmon gill or hang netting operated from a boat. The answer from England was to turn the drift nets over to the even more destructive monofilament, and

double the catch. In the 1980s Scotland has enacted further measures strengthening these regulations by extending them to shore operations. Meanwhile the English north-east drift net fishery has issued more licences with hundreds of endorsements and thereby increased their catch yet

Research has shown that 95 per cent of the catch in north-east England is made up of Scottish salmon intercepted on their return migration. The north-east fisheries make up almost three quarters of the total English catch, so at least two-thirds of the so called English salmon catch has actually been produced in Scotland. James Ferguson is biting the very hand that feeds him.

Yours faithfully J. R. W. STANSFELD. Director-General, The National 3 America Street. Montrose, Angus. March 12.

#### Guessing game

From Mr J. H. Loveless Sir. "Multiple choice" examination questions were used at the USA flying school I anended in

To discourage guessing, twice the number of marks allocated to a question were deducted from the iotal for a wrong answer.

Yours faithfully.
J. H. LOVELESS. 69 Wellesley Road, Croydon, Surrey. March 15.

For us the real problem now lies in keeping up our children's Polish. This, I assure Professor Parekh, is oot the fault of English schools or their supposed attempts to make ethnic children think of their origins as inferior.

Saturday schools in which Polish is taught have been in exis-tence since 1948 — privately, not funded with public money, as indeed why should they be? I would suggest that this is a course of action open to all minorities who care enough about their origins to make the effort.

Yours faithfully. B.H. DAROWSKA, 81 Thurleigh Road, SW12. March 12

#### ON THIS DAY

March 28 1885

An article about the Riviera by Alexander Shand. Two previous anes appeared on February 19 and 20, 1885. The franc was then worth about 4p.

LETTERS FROM THE RIVIERA.

III.-MONTE CARLO. There may be differences of pinion as to its eligibility as a ace of residence, but there can hardly be a question that Moote Carlo is the most lovely nook in all the Western Riviera. There is no nobler promenade than the circular sweep of terrace in front of the Casino. . .

it was to this southern Eden that

the late M. Blanc made an exodus with his croupiers, his tables, and his money chests, when he received notice to quil the North in the renaissance of German morality. The speculation must at first have seemed a risky one to a gentlemen accustomed "to play upon velvet." The tables in Germany were set up. as it were, in the highways. They were in watering places crowded in the seasoo by invalids who found it exceedingly difficult to kill the time, and the mobs of tourists in their annual rush could not possi-hly belp stumbling across them. . . But M. Blanc, in fact, had little choice, if he cared to continue his lucrative business; be had to elect between Monaco and the Republic of Andorre, and there could be no mestion as to the superiority of the ormer. il was oo the confines of rance and Italy, and both French and Italians are fond of play. If it had hitherto had no name as a health resort itself, it was within easy reach of sundry celebrated winter stations; it had a heavenly climate and unrivalled scenery. Moreover, the Prince was very ready to come to terms with the gambling association, in which he was faithful to his ancestral tradiions. The most illustrious of his ancestors of the house of Grimaldi. from which be was descended through the female line, had enriched themselves by piracy from their rohber stronghold. Their descendant simply fell in with safer modern fashions; in place of sending in search of assing strangers with his galleys. he became the sleeping partner of the astate M. Blanc, who made the victims of his bank consenting parties. . . Last year the season was a poor one, yel from high ocon to eleveo at night there were always six roulette tables in full play, while two others in the inner salon were liverted to trente-et-quarante. Indeed, what strikes one most at Monte Carlo, compared with remiiscences of the old gambling days Germany, is the large proportion of petty players who, nevertheless play relatively high. In Germany the smallest stake at roulette was a florin, or 1s. 8d. At Monte Carlo the minimum is a 5f. piece.In Germany any "serious player" used to go to the rouge-et-noir as a matter of course, the odds against Monte Carlo roulette is much in favour, even with those who tempt fortune with handfuls of napo-leons. Egalité et Fraternité might always he the inscription over a gambling house, but at Monte Carlo the play seems to have been more democratized than ever it was before...

slangy or shabby in dress, as the case may be; and of the women the less that is said the better... You may remark some shabbily dressed individual, who after much resitation has carefully laid down a solitary five-franc piece, trembling in every limb and so indifferent to those around thet he does not care to control his emotion: while old women, who look like disreputable nousekeepers out of place, are as aggard with the evening's excitemenl as any stage witch in Macheth...Whether the Prince or the Company administers the pet-ty State all the employes have evidently the mot d'ordre. A propos to the manner of dealing with suicides a story is told, which, if not true, is ben trovato. Agents have instructions to keep their eyes upon gentlemen apparently thinking of self-destruction that they may thrust money into the empty pockets of the victims of despair. One player, after throwing away a few five-franc pieces with every sign of intense agitation, clutched his forehead, tottered out of the room, and disappeared to a symphony of groans in the darkness. The pistol shot followed in due course, and he was found lying on his face. The attentive emissary of the administation was on his he with a rouleau before the heart had well ceased to beat. Passing that way again accidentally the agent found to his amazement that the body had disappeared, and the police of the Casino, on pushing their inquiries, learned that an individual answering the descrip-tion had left the Monaco Station by an early train and made a luxurious breakfast at the Nice buffet. . .

The mass of the profitable

customers are men whom nobody knows, and whom assuredly no-

body wishes to know. The men are

#### Of shoes and ships... From Wing Commander S. J.

Sir. Without wishing to condemn the very appropriate Lewis Carroll title of the bicentenary book on the Board of Trade Ireport, March 22), I am disappointed that it was not called Buttonhooks and Dolls' Eyes', which was the general description of the board's activities in my days in industry, the Board of Trade and the Foreign Office.

I am. Sir. yours sincerely.

S. JOHN PESKETT, 75 Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells,

Kent. March 22.

Peskett



# **COURT**

#### COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** March 27: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived ter Station in the Royal Train this morning and were received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Sussex (Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk). The Queen and The Duke of

Edinburgh drove to Chichester Cathedral and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex (the Marquess of Abergavenny), the Bishop of Chichester (the Right Reverend Eric Kemp) and the Dean (the Very Reverend Robert Holtby). Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended the Maundy Service at which The Queen distributed the Royal Maundy. The Bishop of Rochester (the Right Reverend David Say, DD. Lord High Almoner) and the Sub-Almoner (the Reverend Canon Anthony Caesar) were

The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were

Afterwards The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, drove to the Council House, was received by the Chairman of West Sussex County Council West Sussex County Council (Mr P.G. Shepherd), the Chairman of Chichester District Council (Mr N. Best) and the Mayor of Chichester (Mr A.J. French), and honoured them with her presence at luncheon in

the Assembly Rooms.
The Duchess of Grafton, Mr Kenneth Scott and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

Forthcoming

marriages

Mr M.D. Booth and Miss M.J. Biggs The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. Booth, of Marton, Blackpool, Lancashire, and Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.E. Biggs, of Keston,

Mr O.V.A. Boncher and Miss J.A. Jones The engagement is announced between Oliver, younger son of Mr and Mrs P.A. Boucher, of Painswick, Gloucestershire, and Jennifer, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs John J. Jonas, of Montreal, Quebec.

and Miss L.J.W. Jack The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Dr J.G. and Dr A.M. Hall, of Edinburgh, and Lucinda, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel J.L. Jack, retd, of Newsham Green, Hampshire, and Mrs GA. Prioleau, of Kingstone Lisle, Oxfordshire.

Scientists have devised a sim-

ple strategy which could lead

to the re-establishment of

acquatic plant communities in

the trend which has largely

cleared the now heavily pollut-

ed waters of natural vegetation

A team from the East Anglia University has been

building artificial refuges this

month in Hoveton Great

Broad, on the River Bure, for

the minute creatures which

graze on the algal plankton

(phytoplankton) now dominat-

The refuges are made of

bundles of twigs, brushwood, netting suspended in the water

and polypropylene rope "plants" floating up from the bottom. The theory is that

crustacea, particularly water fleas (Cladocera), will colonize

the refuges in sufficiently large numbers to clear the water of

the phytoplankton, and

catalyse n switch to the state

where plants will recolonize

the water. Aigal development

early in the season prevents

the growth of acquatic plants

by shading them.

Because most of the surface

over the past 30 years.

broads.

Princess Anne will open the Housing and Hostel Scheme for disabled people at Eastleigh run by the Ragian Housing Associ-ation and Hampshire County Council on April 30 and later will open I day centre for the physically handicapped at Cosham, Hampshire. In the evening, as President of the Save the Children Fund, she will attend a gala performance of La Cage aux Folles at the Palladium Theatre, in aid of the Army Benevoleot Fund (children's section) and the Save the Children Fund. Princess Alice Duchess of

Gloucester will open Age Cnncern's Gloucester House in Melton Mowbray, Leicester-shire, on April 3.

The Duke of Gloucester, a Ranger, will visit Epping Forest on April 15. In the evening, as President of the British Consultants Bureau, he will attend a reception given hy Freeman, Fox and Partners at the Army and Navy Club.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit goldsmiths' workshops in Hatton Garden and Old Street

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of BLISS (Baby Life Support Systems), will attend a reception to launch a new book, Special Care Babies, at the Stock Exchange on April 16.

Queen Ingrid of Denmark cele-

A memorial service for Mr Tom Shelford will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Tues-day, May 6, at 5pm.

#### Mr T. Hobbs and Miss S.J. Cussell The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Colo-nel and Mrs B.R. Hobbs, of Warminster, Wiltshire, and Sandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.J. Cussell, of Weston Rhyn,

Shropshire. Mr P.D.R. Landale and Miss S.J. Younger The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Landale, of Dalswioton, Dumfries, and Sa-rah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Younger, of Broughton, Peeblesshire.

Mr S.J.R. Thomas and Miss S.A. James The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mr and Mrs J. Gardiner, of Pevensey Bay, Sussex, and Shona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs T.H. James, of Danchill, Sussex,

Mr J.E.C. Grange and Miss C. Ellison The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest soo of Mr and Mrs David Grange, of Malmesbury, Wiltshire, and Claudia, daughter of Mr John Ellisoo and Mrs Kitten Ellison,

Science report

Water plants lured back to Broads

By Gareth Huw Davies

vive the predation of fish,

which feed by day. The refuges

will give the two millimetre-

long creatures the daytime

to feed safely by night. It was

considered politically impossi-

long-term experimental work

by the School of Environmen-

tal Sciences at the university,

with and oo behalf of the

Nature Conservancy Council.

The scientists have already

made valuable discoveries

about the prospect for natural

certain broads over n number

The broads, an average of

1.5 metres deep, were formed between the ninth and four-

teenth centuries, when peat

workings in valley wetlands flooded naturally. They are

into an effluent-rich tapestry

of rivers which carry pollut-

ants, especially phosphate, from sewage and nitrates which run off former grazing

land recently turned over to

In the once-clear waters of

many of the broads, abundant

sobmerged plant communities

The programme is part of

hie to take out the fish.

the Norfolk Broads, reversing cover they need, enabling them

ing most of the 50 shallow recovery in experiments on

regetation has disappeared, such as stoneworts and the

the crustacea which graze on untionally rare, but once local-

the phytoplankton cannot sur- ly common, greater naiad have

of years.



Katerina Lycheva, the 11-year-old Soviet girl who is touring the United States, holds peace doves signed by pepils during a visit to a school in Washington.

#### Birthdays today

The Right Rev Dr C.K.N. Bardsley, 79; Mr Dirk Bogarde, Bardsley, 79; Mr Dirk Bogarde, 65; Marjorie Countess of Brecknock, 86; the Hon George Bruce, 56; Professor Sir John Butterfield, 66; Mr Robert Harris, 86; Mr Peter Holwell, 50; Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, 71; Mr Frank Judd, 51; Mr Neit Kinnock, MP, 44; Mr Raymond Lister, 67; Mr Clifford Mollison, 89; Mr Martin Neary, 46; Mr Michael Parkinson, 51; Professor Merton Sandler, 60; Lord Shaughnessy, 64; Sir John Stephenson, 76; Mr Richard Stilgoe, 43. Richard Stilgoe, 43.

Memorial service Mr C. Graham-Dixon

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Charles Graham-Dixon, QC, was held in the Medical School and Hospital Chapel, Charing Cross Hospital, yesterday. The Rev Lynn Philips officiated. Miss Kathryn Stanley and Sir Kirby Laing read the lessons. Mr Francis Graham-Dixon and Mr Andrew. Graham-Dixon and Mr Andrew Graham-Dixon, grandsons, read from the works of James Boswell and Andrew Marvell. Professor T.W. Glenister, Dean of Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School, gave an address.

#### Funeral service

Mrs L.E.R. Bentall The funeral service for Mrs Rowan Bentall took place on Tuesday, March 25, at St Mary's Church, Broughton, Hamp-shire, The Rev David Howe, rector, officiated. Mr Edward Bentall, son, and Mrs Nicholas Noel-Tod, daughter, read the lessons. The burial took place at the family grave at Dorking.

History prize

The Royal Historical Society has awarded the Whitfield Prize for 1985 to Dr K.D.M. Snell, a lecturer in English local history at Leicester University, for his book, Annals of the Labouring Poor (Cambridge University Press)

been replaced by muddy wa-

ters dominated by phytoplank-

ton. Holiday boating is not a direct cause of the change,

although it has speeded the

erosion of banks which had

complement to the essential

management technique of pre-

cipitating ont phosphate.

about 75 per cent of which

comes from sewage, at sewage

treatment works. The Anglian

Water Anthority has installed

a treatment plant on the river

Ant and is completing another

on the Bure. Plant communi-

ties are returning naturally on

Cromes Broad, which is fed by

In another experiment

Cockshoot Broad was dammed

in 1982 to isolate it from the

Bure and phosphorous sedi-

ment was removed. There was

an immediate improvement:

the water has cleared, nitrogen

and phosphorous concentra-

tions have fallen and acquatic

plants are colonizing the broad. The fish population has

steadily recovered but the level

of phytoplankton remains very

However, complete isolation can only be applied in a few

cases because there are rights

of navigation rights over most

the Ant.

Refuge building is seen as a

lost vegetation cover.

Shropshire The following awards have been made as a result of the scholar-ship examination:

Moreton Hall.

Minor academic scholarship: Charmian Potter (The Elms, Colwai).

Millfield School

The following have been awarded academic and music scholarships at Millfield School from September 1986;
Scholarships: B.G. Hunt (Millield Junior School). K.M. Goodenough (Millield Junior School). J.E. Minatzagantan (Millield Junior School). D.J. Payne (Wellow House School. Newark). A. Eagoowand (Wellow House School. Newark). L.M. Sampson Gedland High School. Bristol). O.S. Smeed Outflield Junior scholarships at Millfield School

#### **Appointments**

Mr Alan Baker, n former airline pilot now working in the com-puter industry, to be chairman of the National Federation of

Kidney Patients' Associations.

Dr Alexander Douglas Isa Nicol, aged 64, emeritus sec-

retary general of the faculties of Cambridge University, to be chairman of the Cambridge

Health Authority in succession

Mr Kenneth Wiltshire to be

Architect of Worcester Cathe-

dral from October 1 in succes-sion to Mr Bernard Ashwell.

Mr Ronald Gerard was host at a luncheon given by the Lord's Taverners to the English

Schools' Cricket Association at

28 South Street, London, W1, yesterday. Those present were:

Mr David Frost, Mr Hubert Doggart, Mr Raphael Dianogly, Mr John Bromley, Mr Anthony Swaitson, Mr Edward Jackson, Mr Tim Brooke-Taylor, Mr Geoffrey Downman, Mr Cyril Cooper, Mr Tom Hustler and Mr Bernard Betrick.

Sir Harry Neil Marten, of Manton, Dorset, Minister for

Overseas Development, 1979-1983, left estate valued at

1983, 164 £301,468 net. Mr Guy Piers Le Gendre Starkie, of Clitheroe, left

Dorothy Mary Perceval, of Kensington, London, left £533,479 oct. She ieft £20,000 each to

Eton College, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and the King Edward VII Hospital for

Omcers.

Professor John Patrick
Micklethwait Brenan, of Kew
Gardens, Surrey, director of the
Royal Botanie Gardens, Kew.

1976-1981, left £119,611 net.

Mrs Evelyn Ethel Case, of Cheam, Surrey, left £202,957 net. She left her entire estate equally between the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, the Riehard Dimhleby Cancer Fund, and the Friends of the Animals Legame Bisein Hill.

Animals League, Biggin Hill.

Flood, Nora Ethna Mary, of Wadhurst, East Sussex£636,150 Marsh. Mrs Elizabeth Ann

Orledge. o Loughborough \_\_\_\_\_£385,82 Mussett, Mr David, of Bickley

£385,821

Other estates include

to Mr Stephen Bragg.

Luncheon

Lord's Taverners

Latest wills

Starkie, of £1.967,149 nct.

Latest appointments include: M J. Cohen and Miss A.F. Courage
The marriage took place quietly
in Paris on Friday, March 21,
1986, between M Jacques Cohen Mr A. Reeve, on promotion to scuior grade, to be Assistant Under-Secretary of State (Africa) from April 1, supervising the Central African Department, Commonwealth Co-ordination Department, East Rue Fondary, Paris, 75015, France. African Department, Overseas Policy Adviser, Southern Af-Mr H.F.St H. Jemee and Mrs S.G. Johnston rican Department, and West African Department, in succes-sion to Mr J.R. Johnson.

The marriage took place in Lynmouth, North Devon, on Tuesday, March 18, between Mr Hugo Francis St Helier Jeune, of Lynmouth, North Devon, and Mrs Sonia Gay Johnstone, of Mr H.J. Leski and Miss V, Gibe The marriage has taken place quietly in Horsham, West Sus-

scholarships: sanian (Miliffeld S.E. Looney (Spri Southampinn), L.M. Si d High School, Bristol

In addition to these awards, I

large number of bursaries have been given for the coming

Taibot Heath celebrates its one

hundredth birthday on May 1, 1986, which will be followed by

diner for members of the old girls' association on May 3, and a service of commemoration and thanksgiving at St Michael's Church, at which the Right Rev Lord Coggan will preach, on May 4.

**Marriages** 

Talbot Heath.

Bournemouth

sex, of Mr John Leslie, son of Mr and Mrs Percy Leslie, of London, to Miss Valerie Gibson, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Gibson, of Liverpool. Dr R.A. Shin

and Miss J. Sisson The marriage took place on Friday, March 21, 1986, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, between Dr Roger A. Shiner, of Edmonton, and Miss Janet Sisson, of Glasgow.

auction, claimed to be the first

in Britain, is to be launched this

year to encourage domestic

production and improve mar-

keting. The first auction will be

held at the National Agricultural

Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwick-shire, on October 22.

Annual consumption of sawt

timber is just over 9,000,000

cubic metres. About 1.100.000

cubic metres are hardwoods.

less than a third of which are

The auction is being orga-nized by Bidwells, a Cambridge firm of chartered surveyors,

with the support of the Forestry

UK, and the British Timber

Merchants Association, Mr

Ninian Sanders, Bidwells' part-

ner responsible for forestry, says

that the auction will cut costs for

Edinburgh
The name of Professor Emeritus
Ralph Leigh, who is to receive
an honorary DLitt, was misspelt
in our University news column

Dr N.Kreitman, director of the

University news

published on March 13.

**Auction launches drive** 

on hardwood production

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

A national hardwood timber buyers and improve returns for

#### Sale room

#### **Furniture** has some ups and downs

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

An unpredictable but essentially frivolous mood dominated Christie's sale of Continental furniture yester-

day.

An eighteenth-century Italian commode painted with sprays of summer flowers on a green ground was a universal favourite and was bid up to £8,640 (estimate £800-£1200). The paint was falling off, but it had not been restored or

An early nineteenth-century round oak table from Germany supported by entwined dol-phins soured to £14,040 (esti-mate £2,000-£3,000) while a Biedermeier bedside cupboard formed as a fluted column with an Ionic capital made £4,860 (estimate £2,000-£3,000).

Nohody wanted Ava Gardner's bed, however, a blue and white painted lit à la polonaise, which was left un-sold at £5,200 (estimate

£6,000-£8,000).
Good Dutch marquetry could be had at price levels of five or six years ago. The sale totalled £333,000 with 16 per

cent unsold. tyse, which will be followed by three days of special events, including the dedication by the Bishop of Winchester and the opening by Lord Eden of Win-ton of the Centenary Sports Hall on May 2, a formal centenary dinner for members of the old A British version of the same exotic taste secured a price of £6,600 (estimate £3,500-£5,000) for a small William and Mary chest, veneered in oyster labarnum, at Henry Spencer and Sons of Retford on Wednesday. Sotheby's offered an histor-

ic bottle of claret on Wednesday afternoon, a magnum of 1969 Château Lafite which was originally bought from the château by Napoleon's great nephew. It had been recorked at Lafite last year and was sold for £3,520 (estimate £1,600-£3,000). The same sale included a box of 150 Rafael Gonzalez Coronas cigars, pre-

Castro and possibly prewar, at £660 (estimate £300-£500).
Sotheby's sale of impressionist and modern drawings totalled £2.3 million with 24 per cent left unsold. The top prices were much as forecast £181,500 (estimate £150,000-£200,000) for Egon Schiele's "Knabe Porträt", £143,000 (estimate £130,000-£160,000) for Kandiasky's study for "Blue Segment", of 1919, and £123,200 (estimate £50,000-£70,000) for Paul Klee's "Nordsee Insel Häuser".

Japanese dealers were over in force to buy middle-range violins at Phillips yesterday. They bought mostly in the £600-£2,000 bracket and Knbota of Tokyo paid the top price in the sale at £9,900 (estimate £8,000-£12,000) for a violin by Vincenzo Carcassi of Florence, dated 1763.

There is a widening gap between the price which timber

merchants can pay and that

which growers are prepared to accept, he says. The fault lies

largely with the growers in terms

of poor market research, bad

marketing and inability to pro-vide continuity of supplies. Few

estate owners have the resources

to conduct proper market re-

search and so tend to depend on

Mr Sanders hopes the auction

will save buyers a great deal of

abortive travelling and survey-

Also, owners will be advised

how to sell, standing or felled;

how to grade, mark and mea-sure and how to clear access

routes and provide stacking

MRC's unit for epidemiological studies in psychiatry at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, and Dr R.M. Gaze, head of the

MRC's neural development and regeneration group at the university's department of zoology, to be honorary professors

of the university.

ing of private woodlands.

sales by tender.

#### **OBITUARY** MISS ELISABETH BARKER

Journalist, historian and public servant Elisabeth Barker, who died diplomatic correspondent al-

The External Service, and

She resisted, however, until

1965, when she became head

of European talks and English

At this point, she began a

new career. She had already

written two books. Truce in

the Balkans (1948) and Mac-

edonia: its place in Balkan power politics (1950), one

popular, the other academic, but both notably clear, bal-

anced, and penetrating. Now

she was encouraged to pursue

at the Public Record Office the

documents behind the events

had experienced at first hand.

and Eden at War (1978); and The British between the Super-powers (1945-1950) (1983)

She was appointed OBE in

The bare record of her life

ality, or of her beauty or the

quick elegance with which she

moved. It was true that, with

she knew what she wanted to

Her knowledge was equalled by her discretion in matters of confidence and

security, and she was univer-

sally trusted. At the same

time, she was impatient of

humbug or inaccuracy, espe-

cially among officials, and could express her disapproval

from the countries she knew

to her family, who turned to

of action rather than the

exploration of character. But

its, they achieved a consistent

standard of technical

Often playing a character

called the Durango Kid, and

with Smiley Burnette as his side-kick, Starrett maintained

within their self-imposed lim- \*

She is survived by her

with love and admiration.

do and did it.

forcefully.

were widely acclaimed.

1967.

A notable series of articles

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service. She retired in 1970.

on March 19 at the age of 75, most at once. the polyglot society of Bush had a varied career as a journalist, public servant, and writer on historical subjects. House were familiar and congenial surroundings, and she She was particularly noted for would have been content to her books on the Balkans and remain in that capacity. for her analyses of various Though her formidable intelliaspects of Britain's position in gence and capacity for work the wartime and post-war frequently urged her superiors world. to suggest promotion.

She was born at Oxford on March 22, 1910, the daughter of Ernest and Emily Barker. Her father, then fellow and tutor of St John's College, moved to London in 1920 as principal of Kings College, and Elisabeth, whose intelligence was already marked, went to St Paul's School as a scholar in 1923.

From there she won a major scholarship in 1927 to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, where, like her father, she read mods and creats. Uncertain what to do next, she went out to documents behind the events Vienna in the summer of 1932 of European history that she to join her brother Arthur, then The Times correspon-

dent there.

At first n visitor, she became
very much more. Travelling
all over Fasters Entert als

and books followed, of which
Britain in a Divided Europe
1945-1970 (1971); Churchill all over Eastern Europe, she developed a wide knowledge of its countries, especially the Balkans, and an equal affec-tion for them. She had found

her metier. In 1934, back in London, she joined the BBC, working in the news library and later, conveys very little of Elisabeth Barker's character and personwhen war became imminent, as a sub-editor in overseas news. One of her more unusual tasks there was to lead General de Gaulle to the ambition, she could have risen far higher in the world. If she had a fault, it was too modest a view of her own abilities. But microphone on June 18, 1940, when he delivered his historic broadcast.

Late in 1941, her knowledge of South-eastern Europe was in great demand, and she left the BBC to join the Foreign Office political intelligence department (later political warfare executive), as assistant to the Balkan regional director, Ralph Murray, whom she succeeded in 1943.

In August 1945, she became
Reuters correspondent in the
But her generosity to individuals was limitless: refugees Balkans. The clarity and insight of ber despatches and her before the war, colleagues and enterprise (she was deported friends, received her sympafrom Belgrade in 1947) be- thy and help, she was devoted came something of a legend. She returned to London at her for advice and returned it Reuters diplomatic desk, and rejoined the BBC in May 1949

as Assistant in the political daughter and information unit, becoming grandchildren.

#### CHARLES STARRETT Charles Starrett, one of the white stetson and impeccable

cinema's leading cowboy stars. dress, he was among a new in the heyday of the low budget Western, died in Cali-beroes who came to replace formia on March 22 at the age the downbeat stars of the of 82. cinema's early years.

Born in Athol, Massachu-setts, on March 28, 1903, he mula pieces, re-cycling a handmade his first screen appear-ance while a student at Dart-depending on the excitement mouth College, playing a footballer in the 1926 Richard Dix film, The Quarterback.
After graduating, he acted in stock companies in Cincinatti and Indianapolis and had supporting parts on

His film career proper be-gan in 1930, when he was put under contract by Paramount. Handsome and athletic, he played mainly romantic leads until he was signed by Columbia to be their principal cowboy star in 1936. With his last film in 1952.

his popularity throughout the 1940s. But the spread of television eventually meant the end of the second feature

#### Western and Starrett made his

proficiency.

David Crouch, MP, writes: As a Conscrvative Member of Parliament, may I be permitted to add to your obituary of March 3, as one who saw Tom Williams from the other side of the House? He was the perfect example of a good House of Commons man, fearless in his views, absolutely honest and always willing to listen to others. As Chairman of the Select Committee on Procedure, he recommended the establishment of departmental select committees. The effect of this was to shift the balance of advantage between Parlia-ment and Government in

favour of Parliament and the

JUDGE SIR THOMAS WILLIAMS seen by many as one of the most important procedural reforms of the century. In 1976 Williams was elected to the presidency of the

World Council of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, only the third British parliamentarian to be so honoured. At the bi-annual conferences, he is still remembered for his considerable diplomatic skills He leaves a widow, Gwyneth, who supported him so well in all his work and travels, and a son and a daughter, both lawyers. The four of them were a living example of what n really close family could be, even under the pressures of parliamentary back benches, and this was life.

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BIRTHS

ALFORD On the 26th March, to Kym. BLACKSURM - On 25th March 1986. at Queen Charlotte's Hospital. to Ann. MAN - On March 17th to Cella ayden) and Ivan. a daughter a Nicole. CHLIMAN On March 20th, to Meriel and John, a daughter, stillborn, MACLACKLAN - On March 18th, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, to Ma-deleine (the Norman) and Alexander, a son, James Tobias. PAKTOR - On March 19th at the Oak-ville Hospital. Toronto, to Janet tnee Angelt and Anthony, a son James I avidedda PORRITT - On 20th March to Richard

and Jane. Emily, a sister to Sam and Kitty. RADCLIFFE On March 13th. Io Alex and Mike, al Countess of Chester Hospital, a daughter Charlotte Felici-ty, a sister for Harriet.

ROGERS. To Madeline and Stephen a Daughter Sian Elizabeth. Born 4th March 1986. A Sister for David. SALVESEN - On March 10th. in Aberdeen, to Angelica and Andrew, a daughter.

... Thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities.

Plaim 31:7 TOMES - On March I IIh. to Joan Inée Macdonaid Johnston) and Kerry, a son Samuel John Richard.

DEATHS

ARKWRICHT - On March 24th, peace-fully al home, Margaret Ann. much beloved daughter of Lucle Bradley Johnstone and mother of Loths, Fu-neral service on Wednesday April 2nd, 10.15am al Putney Vale Cre-matorium London, Any donalious to the Imperial Cancer Research.

April at 10.30am April at 10.50am.
COMPTON \$KINNER Nigel Stanley.
On 25th March 1986, peacefully at home. In Opto, South of France, after a painful litness most courageously borne. Most dearly loved, loving and devoted companion of June Clement, and dear brother of Tony Skinner and Shirley Steven.

BNGMAM. Edmund Austin. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Edmund Austin Digmam of the Society of Jesus, peacefully in \$1 Thomas's Hospital, London, on 23rd March 1986, aged \$2 years. Requirem mass at 11.00mm on Wedneaday 8th April at Campion House College. Otterley, followed by burial at 12.30pm at Wimbledon Cemetery, Gap Road SW19.

DOUGLAS SHAW - On 15th March 1986, peacefully in her 91st year. Elsie, much loved mother and grandmother and widow of Robert, Funeral has taken place privately.

PREETH H. Andrew R.A. Peacefully on March 26th, loving husband of Roseen and lather of Martin. Tony and Richard. A dedicated and gentle artist. Funeral arrangements to be MACHEAL On March 26th Joan Gladis Rauthmell at Mill Park, Marhulhanish Arsyll. It beloved mother of Hector and Alassar. Fu-neral service at the Lowland Church, Campbel Town. 2.00pm April 1st. Local Friends. Family flowers only. MEDHURST - On 20th March 1986, peacefully at his home. Cargen Mains, islesteps, 8y Dumfries. Rev. George Henry Medhurst, aged 21 years. husband of the late beloved Millicent Edith, lather and friend of Kenneth and Matcolm and loved by June. Carandiather of Jopathan. Judith and Elizabeth. Cremaled at Carlisie Cremalorium on 25th March 1986.

MALBER. Charles aged 77 years peacefully on March 25th in Siena hospital. Dearly loved (ather of An-nie and Alexe, grandfather of Sem. Harry and Natadia. Funeral will take place in Italy.

O'ERYEN HORSFORD. Mona Kath-leen aged 76, suddenly at home on the 23rd March. Funeral West Nor-wood Crematorium. Wednesday 2nd April at 2,00pm. Donations to the Royal Free Hospital. NW3.

ROBBES Lestie O.B.E., K.M., Formally Superintendent of Police, the United Provinces of India. Suddenly on March 25th, after a long illness bravely borne, beloved husband of the late Ena Robins, and much loved brother-la-law. Uncle and Friend. Funeral on Friday April 4th 2.30pm at Lewisham Crematorium, Hilber

ROSE - On 24th March, peacefully at Pembury Hospital, Kent. Mourice Charles aged 75. Private cremation at Tumbridge Wells Cremation an 11th April 1986 at 11.30em.

ROSE - Michael. On March 28th, pesociully after a short illness, Edward Michael Rose C.M.G., Lately H.M., Foreign Service, Fumeral Tuesday April 1st al 2.30pm at Parish Church, Betchamps St Paul, nr Clare, Suffolk, Donations if desired, to Christian Aid or the Cable Street Project. A Thanksgiving Service will be arragated in Length later.

ROWE On 27th March 1986, peac by al home, in Letcombe Regis, O Grace Gretel, beloved wife Richard and mother of Anthony

SHIPMINI On March 26th at home, after a long illness, borne with great courage. Francis Nell, beloved husband of the late kitty and of Freda and dearly loved fallers of Sustan and Rosemary. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Martholm, Peterborough, on Wednesday April 2nd at 11.30am. followed by Cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if destred to Peterborough Hospital at home. C/O Mrs. Dee George. Fotheringbay Manor. Peterborough. PEB 5HD.

SWORD A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mag Sword will be held at Heythrop Church. near Chipping Norton at Noon on Saturday 5th Abril 1986. Any donations to Chip-ping Norton War Memorial Hospital. Oxfordshire.

TURINGULL - On 23rd March 1986, suddenly at his home a few days after his 78th birthday. Patrick Edward Xenophoa Turnbull. M.C., soldier and author, beloved husband of Elsa, and dear father of Domonic and Giles Enquiries to R & H Barker. 40 Wantage Rd. Didcot. Oxon.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

A SERVICE OF TRANSCRIVING for the life of Margaret Elizabeth Bindley will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Curry Rivel at 2.30 pm. on Wednes-day. 9th April.

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# THE ARTS

**Television** 

## Superior market forces

The fraught stratosphere where international politics ejostles high technology gave TV Eye (Thames) the setting for Uncle Sam's Lew, a brief examination of the way that American computer giants ma-nipulate Cold War paranois in order to thwart our "sunrise" industry's commercial ambiions in Eastern Europe. The American (i.e. the Pentagon's) osition is that osten ched to the smiling Bulgars for their tourist industry may be rejigged to guide distinctly memiling nuclear missiles in a kind of terminal free-market

oomerang: export and die. Since most technological innovation originates from across the Atlantic, it would be all the more remarkable if America did not do everything in its power to maintain economic hegemony. This report's main throst was to point up the absurdity of American courts imposing fines on Brit-ish companies who have not transgressed British law. One "techno-bandit" from Derby who did do so, and who got two years imprisonment for his pains, declared unrepentantly that it was "the patriotic thing

Covernmental folly on an epic. Swiftian scale was the theme of the 40 minutes documentary Nuts! (BBC2), which told the deliciously ridiculous story of the great peanut scandal of the late 1940s, when the Minister of Food, John Strachey (Eton, Oxford, Karl Marx), spent £30 million on a madcap scheme to cultivate a large, arid chunk of Tanganyika, pithily described as "mile upon mile of damn all".

Contemporary footage of Irish navvies bulldozing trees on two bottles of South African brandy per day per man was complemented by modern interviews with survivors of the Nat Army, whose anecdotes have been well polished over four decades in clubbouses and at bridge parties. One was left with the impression that the whole farrago may after all have been worthwhile in giving thousands of cits a well-earned suntan and the rest of the nation a jolly good langh.

Martin Cropper

Less than 30 years after his death Sacha Guitry has new comedies playing in three different Paris theatres. Le veilleur de nuit (Théatre 13), Faisons Un Rève (Saint-Georges) and La Prise de Berg-op-Zoom (Michodière). Not by the design of the producers, all three pieces date from the same period - 1911 to 1914 - when Guitry was in his late twenties, and all revolve around variations on the triangle infernal. Seen individually, there are two successes and a miss.

The most remarkable of the three is Le Veilleur de nuit, which inexplicably has never been revived since its Paris première 75 years ago. Skilfully directed by Jacques Nerson, its urbane vivacity. biting wit and emotional ma-nipulations have lost none of their validity.

A young artist is commissioned to paint a mural in the home of a young woman; whose comfortable livelihood is derived via the somewhat mechanical attentions of an older, richer man. As much by his verbal dexterity as by his Byronic good looks, the artist seduces his patroness. On discovering this "love" affair, the older man's emotional indifference flares into jealousy. He reasons, however, that at his age it is wiser to accommodate one young man you know rather than be tormented by visions of those

The role of the artist was tailored by Guitry for himself. Fabrice Luchini nimbly steps Fabrice Luchini nimbly steps into the master's shoes and, although he allows Guitry's ghost to hover in the wings, he never less it venture on stage. never less it venture on stage. who fears the discovery that Luchini sharpens up the with the has seduced a minor, to a and adds a rawness which one commissioner of police (Rob- foils or verbal whipping-posts.



Paris, practically by coincidence, is staging a mini-festival of the work of Sacha Guitry (above): Diane Hill reports

# Urbane vivacity

can imagine was missing in the original. Yasmina Reza as the young woman and Marc Dudicourt as the older man form the remaining, beautifully crafted, corners of the triangle.

By contrast La Prise de Berg-op-Zoom wallows in the shallows. Premièred in 1912, a year after Le Veilleur, it was written in response to an intellectual challenge. Guitry was persuaded that he had the makings of a vandeville writ-

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Sullivan's 'lost' Cello Concerto

First performance of the work reconstructed by Sir Charles Mackerras and David Mackie

ert Lamoureux) who uses his status to the ends of stealing Folliot). The commissioner of police is again a Guitry tailor-made, styled when he was 27. Lamoureux, through no fault of his own, is not. A shoddy plot, twittering dialogue and token showing of expensive underwear are dressed with the meticulousness of a costume museum-piece. Guitry cannot, however, be entirely held to blame. The original text has been hacked at, rather than adapted, by the director

The only wrinkles on the 70-year-old Faisons Un Rêve are laughter lines. Here, the dubious morals of a fast-talking seducer's efforts to lure a married woman into his bed are superbly manipulated into a sophisticated, fast-moving farce. Guitry was bedridden with rheumatism when the play was first performed, but the later film shows him playing the seducer as a hypersmooth man of the world. Today, under the able direction of Jacques Rosny, Claude Rich turns the character into

an irascible charmer. With an infectious energy Rich romps through the witty dialogue, and the famous telephone scene, to end up as happy as a sand-boy between the satin sheets. Pierre Maguelon, as the cuckold with equally amoral tendencies, brings to the part the right amount of affability. Annie Singalia's performance as the susceptible wife is nicely fleshed-out and believable -not always easy to achieve with Guitry, whose own difficulty in relating to women manifested itself in his female characters, who as often as not are little more than emotional

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# Manic touch of regional promise

No Surrender (15) Odeon Haymarket

The Girl in the Picture Cannon Haymarket

D.A.R.Y.L. (PG) Cannon Panton Street

The best British comedy has always been regional (cf. Gracie Fields, George Formby, Norman Evans, Old Mother Riley); and a new decentral-

ization is a promising sign. Following Letter to Brezhnev, Liverpool now provides cast and setting for No Surrender. Directed by Peter Smith, who has worked only for television since his notable debut with A Private Enterprise 12 years ago, this is also the first feature film scripted by Alan Bleasdale, who wrote the 1983 television series Boys from the Black Stuff.
No Surrender is strictly horror

comic — the nightmare of the new manager of a sleazy Liverpool club, who finds not only that the proprietor is a mobster and the acts are disasters but that the ontgoing management has double-booked the club to the senior citizen members both of the local Orange Club and of the Irish Catholic community.

The leader of the Orange boys is Billy the Beast, who has in tow an aged fugitive Ulster gumman. The self-appointed boss of the Catholics is a blind old boxer, fighting mad and determined to use the occasion to settle a lifetime of old scores with Billy. As the night wears on and the drink swills, all the other crippled ancients and their formidable wom-enfolk start spoiling for the long-forgotten thrill of a punch-up. The escalating tensions are not diminished by the unexpected irruption of a party of lunatic geriatrics, stranded in their ambulance, and a couple of police raids.

These crazy old people suit the world they inhabit. The Charleston Club may be hell, but outside is worse: inner-city devastation, with identical high-rises (a police raid unfortunately hut understandably strikes Attlee Heights in mistake for Gaitskell Heights) and bleak wastelands where muggers roam and marauding infants disintegrate parked cars unless they are paid

protection money.

With a murder, a death from heart failure, bloody torture in the back room, fights with fists and bottles, and all the venom of sectarian hatred, the comedy tends to a darker shade of black; but Peter Smith creditably manages the abrupt shifts of mood from farcical to deadly. Sometimes though Bleasdale's stylized, one-liner repartee seems at odds with the



Comedy in the characterization: James Ellis's demented blind pugilist Billy the Beast, with Michael Ripper as Bonaparte, his aged delinquent henchn

absurd horror of the ritual hostilities ("They niver left the playground", says one of the women, who tend to be more mature and less romantic than their men about sex and sects).

The best part of the comedy is the characterization. Michael Angelis as the manager, and Bernard Hill as the bouncer whose tough exterior conceals an infantile intellect, hring off the difficult feat of a poker-faced double act. Ray McAnally's cool Billy offsets James Ellis's manic blind pugilist. Avis Bunnage, J.G. Devlin, Marjorie Sudell, Joan Turner and Michael Ripper head the bizarre cast of aged delinquents; and Joanne Whalley, here playing a waifish trollop who cooks for the club and has aspirations as a pop singer, reveals a larger talent with every performance.

The Girl in the Picture, directed and written by Cary Parker, is a comedy of the Glasgow school, deeply (and not unprofitably) influenced by Bill Forsyth, whose star from Gregory's Girl, John Gordon-Sinclair, is the lead. He plays an amiable photographer, carning his living with weddings and babies, but sporadically working on the portfolio which he hopes will one day get his pictures into the glossies. He is mean while tormented by the problem of whether he should replace the girl who has just walked out on him or try to win her back. The final solution is

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Whatever else may be said of

Messiaen's opera Saint Fran-

cois d'Assise, the scale of its

daring takes the breath away,

not only because it requires

colossal forces and lasts as long as Götterdämmerung but

perhaps more particularly be-cause it takes on, if only

implicitly, a problem central

to Messiaen's art: that of the

relation between religious rev-

elation and everyday exper-

Most of his previous works

had been granted the holy gift

of indifference to the world.

They are musical stained-glass

windows, using all the re-sources of music to paint pictures of the most marvel-

lous stories and promises of

the New Testament: the spendour of resurrected exis-

tence, the brilliant glory of the Transfigured Christ, the pre-

ciousness of the Incarnation.

They do not ask questions. In turning to the story of St Francis, however, Messiaen faces himself with a man who

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reunion, and the philosophical conclusion that, even if they are doomed to be miserable together, he would rather be miserable with her than

with anyone else. Such is love. It has a lot of charm, but not much momentum. The dialogue has the non seq. oddity of the Forsyth scripts, and David McKay, as the hero's colleague in the photographers' shop, handles it with the same offhand dexterity as Gordon-Sinclair himself. There is an engaging chorus of selfabsorbed eccentrics; and Gordon-Sinclair has some gentle comic scenes, including a hleary hangover after a night with a junkie lady. But the content is finally too thin to support a feature film, and the running gags are run to exhaustion long before the end.

Hollywood has colonized the minds of the young in a great part of the world. The consolation in this is that Hollywood films do not embody a unified American principle or world view, Sylvester Stallone and Chuck Norris pictures may promote Secood Cold War attitudes; but alongside, often in the most unsuspected pictures, contrary, sceptical, suhversive views still find expression, questioning the accepted political structures; the right of force, the establishment's secret agencies, the military autocracy, the subjection of man to machine. The subversives, it is true, are

Marvellous representation

of saintly wonders

took the simple but severe and

absolute step of just following

his example.
It is true that Messiaen treats the subject as a miracle

story and shows no interest in

Francis as a person. The three

scenes given in Wednesday's

Royal Philharmonic Society

concert write the wonders of

the saint's reported life across

the marvels of the composer's musical inventory, so that, for

instance, a huge chorus jabs

out Christ's words "I am the

Alpha and the Omega" to a

hird-shriek last heard in

Oiseaux exotiques, or a healed

leper dances to a movement

from the Turangalila-sym-

phonie, or characters sing in

the modal chant of the early

Nevertheless, there is the

temptation to understand

Saint François as the story of a

real man, and to wonder what

the thing means; for only in

comparatively rare passages, notably in the bugely scored C major crescendo of the close,

does Messiaen dazzle the

senses and silence doubt. The

more normal method of the

ual responsibility were surfac-ing and requiring people to do something about God, Francis mense chords and some new

martenot.

generally very small voices, at least in comparison with Rocky and Rombo. D.A.R.Y.L. is a quaint little Hollywood fable in which the unqualified villains are the Pentagon, with its sinister secret research establishments, and a subservient police force. Having expended hillions developing a Data Analyzing Robot Youth Lifeform (D.A.R.Y.L.), the appalled military scientists discover that what they have created is - a boy. This

dangerous thing escapes, lands among real people, and rapidly learns human emotions and social behav-iour. The rest of the story is a battle between the establishment, which uses all its force trying to destroy the creature which has passed beyond their control, and the good, plain people who claim the new human as one of their own.

Directed by Simon Wincer from a script hy David Ambrose, Allan Scott and Jeffrey Ellis, D.A.R.Y.L. tends to sacrifice the sharper points it might have made in favour of small-town domestic drama. Mary Beth Hurt and Michael McKean, however, bring genuine charm to the roles of D.A.R.Y.L.'s adoptive parents, and Barret Oliver is drily touching as the robot child, whose transition to humanity does not impair his special kinship with machines.

David Robinson Royal Philharmonic Society concert

effects, such as the weird low

rattling tones of the ondes

If the opera is to work as

hagiography, then it would need to be seen, and preferably

in a manner that took it as far

as possible from naturalism.

Anything less is bound to raise

a question of how one may

accept so vast and undoubting an affirmation of spiritual truth, though at least there was

no worry about the musical

truth of a positive, large and

brilliant performance con-ducted by Seiji Ozawa without

Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau

was a giant of solemn author-

ity as St Francis and Maria

Fausta Gallamini sang out clearly and purely as the angel; Kenneth Riegel repeated his

anguished leper from the Paris

première of two years ago.

## London theatre One bright star

Strand

The essence of the real-life Judy Garland was contained in the yearning vibrato of her voice, and the awkward, throaty desperation of her manner. Although she was technically at her best as a teenage thoroughbred, croon-ing sweetly at Mickey Rooney, the ruinous temperamental chaos of her life lent her later work an extraordinary broken intensity. In A Stor is Born, opposite James Mason, she rhapsodizes at the edge of

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showbiz panache.
Terry Wale's new musical,
Judy, goes glibly through the backstage horror-story of her career, joining the songs to-gether with routine Hollywood pastiche, but, again and again, the show is kicked into life by the belting confidence of its star. Lesley Mackie's Judy is a raw, gutsy heart-hreaker, with a big, lived-in voice. She puts muscle and flamboyance into "Born in a Truck" and "The Man Who Got Away" and, when she is singing, you are prepared to ignore the production's lustre-less melodrama and you ac-

exhaustion, and there is a suicidal burn in her hectic

splendid nostalgic cabaret. Fi-nally, Ms Mackie's talent is closer to the theatre-filling bravura of Garland's daugh-ter, Liza Minnelli, than Judy's

trembling sincerity.

During the first half of the show there is too much bad. Bmovie exposition, with the supporting cast giving colour-less performances in underwritten and backneyed material, and the procession of songs starts to seem predictable and merely slick. But by the interval the band, previously hidden away in the orcbestra pit, has appeared on stage, and in the tighter and more compressed second half the music exerts an uncanny emotive grip while Ms Mackie's performance deepens into a broad, full-blooded

pathos. As the drugged-out dying star she has a range and accuracy which outstrips the bollow dialogue and justifies John David's solid but unimaginative production. Judy is not much of a musical. It is an anthology of songs with some biographical bits and pieces to sew them together. But Lesley Mackie breathes the grease-paint splendour of her subject, and she carries the

Andrew Rissik

#### Operetta The Merry Widow Coliseum

cept the evening as a piece of

The Widow is not Merry. On the face of it, it seemed a good idea 10 get Ian Judge 10 restage Colin Graham's original pro-duction. It was he, after all, who applied the Broadway touch to Faust: and by the same token it was, in theory, a cunning ploy to commission a zippy new translation from New York City Opera's Shel-don Harnick. Lehar did, after all, give Broadway its cue in

Sure enough, the cumber-some old art nouveau designs, hlack on scarlet and heliotrope, are given a lift by the long, straight chorus-lines and the opening freezes which hurst into knees-up choreogra-phy in best RSC tradition. Stunning visual use is made, too, of the long staircase, reinforcing the bold linear movement. Lehár, though, cannot live by the eye alone. What is more, this sort of visual panache puts considerable pressure on the principals to substantiate things musically; and it is here that this revival falls down.

English National Opera

were simply unlucky to have Valerie Masterson indisposed on their first night. Penelope Mackay, temporarily standing in, can barely be heard from where Judge places her at the top of the staircase for her two crucial entries. And, with so much to concentrate on physically, this Glavari was understandably ill at ease, mincing her way, rather than dancing, through the vocal line.

Things are made no easier by Herbert Prikopa's direction from the pit. Even when Alan Opic, an unusually bearish and boorish Danilo, makes an effort, as he does commendably often, to sweep the score along. Prikopa is content merely to follow. His reluctance ever to give a lead, or to lighten the step, sounds complacent at best, and at worst reminiscent of whipped cream which has sunk far too deep in the hot chocolate.

Valencienne, who can so often upstage the Widow, certainly not only steals, but creates, the limelight, Lesley Garrett's is a radiant performance, hugging Lehar's music to herself as no one else seems willing to. Her husband, Zeta. responds in kind: Eric Shilling proves himself in every way a worthier suitor than Adrian Martin's over-tense Camille.

Hilary Finch

#### Rock Hüsker Dü Electric Ballroom

Hüsker Du, a guitar trìo from Minneapolis, caused some-thing of a stir in the British music Press last year, and, after seven years of independent label recordings, secured a major contract with Warners and now have a modest hit with their album Condy Apple

While no act could match the ludicrous hyperbole so lightly employed by many music-paper writers, this see-med a rather tame performance even when judged by the group's previous London appearances. For, while Husker Du have come up with an unusual formula by marrying the mellow tunes of the Midwest to the sounds of hardcore thrash metal, the successful execution of this odd hybrid depends on extremes of energy that were not evident on this occasion.

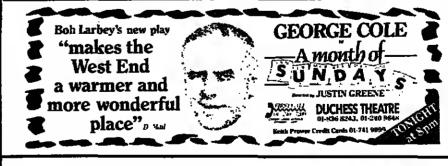
Wearing drah black T-Paul Griffiths shirts, they wandered on stage and stood around listlessly,

before whipping through the first three songs in little more than six minutes. A foursecond pause before the next batch confirmed their observance of the Ramones's blueprint for high-energy stage-

Bob Mould lolloped about, strumming intrinsically pretty chord-sequences at a grossly overloaded volume, while the moustachioed Greg Norton basbed out ioaudihle bass parts and hopped up and down every so often. Little could be heard of Grant Hart's drumming apart from the snare beat keeping erratic time through the din. Hart also sang the majority of the lead vocal parts, assisted by Mould, and again the bawling delivery and croaked harmo-nies added a deliberate counterweight to the otherwise attractive melodies.

For all the noise and pace. they lacked the genuine intensity which they can achieve. Having found success with a live act that pushes them so close to the limits of physical endurance, they are already struggling to maintain their performance at that level.

David Sinclair

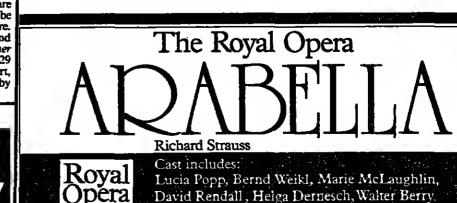




#### did ask questions. Born in an opera is to proceed slowly, age when new ideas of individillustrating each phrase with 'Entertainer Peter Bowles is to star as Archie Rice in a new production of John Osborne's The Entertainer which will open at

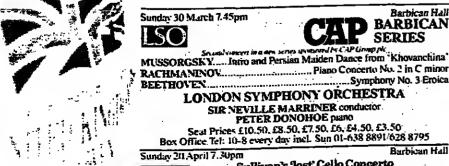
the Shaftesbury Theatre on June 5 following pre-London runs at the Haymarket, Leices ter (opening April 9), the Theatre Royal, Brighton (May 12), and the Theatre Royal, Bath (May 19). Sylvia Sims and Frank Middlemass are also in the cast, and the director is Robin Lesevre.





Conductor Bernard Haitunk. March 31 April 4, 8, 10 at 7.00pm.

Reservations 01-240 1066/1911 Access/Visa/Diners Club. Box office opens 10 00 Tomorrow



# Plane crash on school kills 21

Bangui (AFP) — At least 21 Africans — many of them children — died and about 30 were injured when a French warplane crashed on takeoff yesterday in this Central African Republic, falling on a poor neighbourhood near the end of the runway, it was reported

One of the buildings hit by the plane was said to have been a Muslim religious school. Rescue workers and doctors were working feverishly to pull survivors from the wreckage, and several of the injured were said to be in serious condition.

The French Defence Ministry in Paris said the plane's pilot, 32-year-old Michel Etcheberry, had survived the crash with injuries after using his elector seal.

It said the plane, a Jaguar fighter, had crashed due to a. technical failure, adding that an inquiry into the accident had been opened.

The plane, part of the regular Freeb contingent based here under a defence pact, came down early in the morning on a densely-popuisted neighbourhood known as Kilometre Five, on the outskirts of the capital Bangui. Inhabitants of the capital left their homes and their workplaces to rush to the scene of the crash.

Many were said to be angry, and national radio suspended its normal programmes, broadcasting only religious music and appeals for calm.

#### Police case

- Supt Tom Baldwin, aged 43, head of the West Midlands court next month accused of refusing to take a breath test and driving with a defective tyre.

give an impromptu recital on his rare early English harpsichord, made about 1710 by Joseph Tisseran.

His devotion

ing, Birmingham, Manila and | slipware portrait of Charles II Seoul, have said they will join in a dish on the mautelpiece. Sports Aid's Race Against Six years ago he gave Mr Time charity run on May 25 to Newman and his wife the belp the starving in Africa, organizers said yesterday. his will be bequeathed the rest organizers said yesterday.

# Hammer to fall on legacy of a-lifetime

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

Well smoked by logs burning in an open hearth and rising clouds of nicotine, one of the world's best private collections of English ceramics has been transported from Worcestershire to Sotheby's in London for sale in July.

Mr Thomas Burn, who formed the collection, died aged 77 in January 1985. The slipware dishes, owls and posset pots that crowded his fireside mantelpiece, some of the rarest dated examples of English pottery in existence, are valued at about £130,000

Sotheby's are to devote four sales to the ceramics and other art treasures from the house. Rous Leach Court, near Evesham. They are expecting to reach £1.5 million, but the final price will probably be more. Almost every surface in Mr Burn's rambling Jacobean home was taken up with rare ceramics, including English

delft, saltglaze stoneware, Chelsea, Worcester and the early porcelain factories.

He also collected seven-teenth-century English oak furniture, and a few fine eighteenth-century pieces, to set off the ceramics. As well as a refectory table and various display cabinets there were 22 early oak stools in the dining room where Mr Burn liked to sit. Some supported wood carvings and other notable works of art, such as two carved oak wings from a Rheinland Crucifixion group of about 1500, and a 3ft mounted warrior with a spear, held to be Joan of Arc herself. He loved to show off his collections to the knowledge-able, although disdaining mere tourists. Mr Arthur Negus and Mr Edward Heath were among those be enter-tained with relish, permitting the former prime minister to

companion and latter day Run for Africa nurse, was enhanced by the likeness he perceived between the gnarled old man and a

of his estate in equal halves to Mr Newman, aged 66, and Mrs Monica Houghton, aged 60, former manageress of his arsery garden. Mr Burn had three sisters

who threatened to contest the will. The Attorney General also considered challenging it on behalf of the local council after Mr Burn made a will in the 1960s bequeathing the house and contents to Evesham Berough Council to run

Evesham disappeared in Wychavon District Council in the local government reforms of the 1970s and Mr Burn changed his will. The Attorney ber that there were no grounds for challenging the latest will and the sisters dropped their case in February. They had not been on speaking terms with their brother

Rous Lench Court, with its nine-acre garden and 30-acre park, was a 21st birthday present to Mr Burn from his father, Mr Frederick Burn, who ran a successful retail tailoring chain. He was also given a Rolls-Royce and a gold cigarette case.
The gift of a Jacobeau house

at so tender an age reflected young Tom's passion for collecting; he already needed a home for his art treasures. He never married, and lived

there with his father and mother until their respective deaths in 1946 and 1971. He also ran the tailoring business for many years, not surprisingly filling his shops with seventeenth-century oak furniture and rare ceramic vessels. THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Art connoisseur and collector Mr Thomas Burn (right), with one of his prized poodles. Mr James Newman (below right), former gardener, companion and latter day nurse, who was left half of the Worcestershire estate, outside the imposing Jacobean house. Mrs Monica Houghton (top), former nursery garden manageress, who was left the other half of the estate, with part of the collection of slipware and delftware. The Lambeth delftware figure of Apollo (below), dated 1679.





Letter from Prague

# Keeping up with that old clock

Street, charming, scarred and flaking, the old Jewish town hall boasts a clock with hands rome open approach to nonconformists: it is simply that go backwards.

"Why don't we synchro-nize our watches?" asks a Czech acquaintance. "Then at least we'll know where we're going."

In 1968 the political clocks were stopped in Prague and since then, since the Warsaw Pact invasion, it has been difficult to work out the time of day. In the Communist Party congress, the word "reform" was not heard.

There was some talk of new economic stimuli, of innovation, of change, improvement and streamlining, but "reform" remains a six-letter word, unfit for television, children and the party. Block language and you block thought.

From Moscow, the catch-word of the Gorbachov era is glaznost - transparency, candour. But Prague this week remained unfashionably. opaque, a society living in sealed compartments.

#### Improvement in dissidents' lot

By way of a welcoming gesture, rather as flower garlands are draped on visitors to Hawaii, a frail, inoffensive woman hands over a type-written sheet.

The authorities (signature indecipherable) hoped that journalists would devote their full attention to the party congress. "We would be very sorry," says the paper, "if there were some misunderstanding concerning contact with people who take part in activities against the interests of our state." In other words: "Don't talk to dissidents."

Oddly enough, the dissi-dents themselves are happy to admit that their lot has improved. The everyday repression has ebbed, some have their telephones back, the son of the ex-Foreign Minister and Charter 77 signatory, Jiri Hayek, may soon be allowed to study abroad.

In Pragne's Maislova This is not, of course, to be nonconformists it is simply more imaginative policing.

The real way to stop Westemers seeking out dissenters is not to threaten them in the Sicilian mode ("We would be very sorry..."), nor to bundle the Charter spokesment out of Prague, as has been tried in the past, but to make the 17th congress of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia so fascinating that there is no need to stray to different pastures.

#### No danger of high blood-pressure

But with the key issues out of bounds - How do we stand to the market economy? What can we risk? How do we start the clock again? - there was never much chance of the congress raising blood

So Prague opted for safety, in and out of the congress hall. In the congress, by ensuring that self-criticism came mainly from the top leadership and not from the rank and file; and outside the congress hall with thousands of policemen, constables who look like generals with im-pressive red epaulettes, on every street corner.

The prostitutes were cleared out of the main luxury hotels, which were converted into pleasant barracks for the delegates. A journalist, or ordinary Czech, straying into one of the delegates hotels immediately provoked confusion.

The concierge rang a special bell and two burly plain-clothes men frogmarched the intruders out of the building. Czechs trying to enter the hotel reserved for journalists met a similar fate.

This was to be Prague's great forward-looking congress, the Czechoslovak answer to the new Gorbachov era. But anyone who really wants to know the time should go to Maislova Street. The clock is still going

Roger Boyes

#### Today's events

**New exhibitions** 

Puffin Books: internationally - known publishers, the Bookspace, South Bank SEI; Sun to Sat 10 to 10 (ends April

ings and prints by 30 artists, Fir Tree House Gallery, Church St, Lavenham, Suffolk; Tues to Sun, 11 to 6 (ends April 20). Pottery, paintings, prints, Ti-betan rugs, animals and figures Postery and Art Gallery, Leasebourne, Chipping Campdea, Glos, Monto Sat, 9 to

6 and Easter Sunday (ends May 31).

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Tonga (6).

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6). Suffolk in Perspective: paint-

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17.005

April 23).
East Anglian Arts and Crafts
Exhibition; Community Centre,
School Lane, Needhan Market,
Suffolk; 230 to 9 Fri, 10 to 10
Sat, 2 to 9 Mon (ends March 31).
Taunton Cider Mugs, Cotswold Countryside Collection,
Northleach; Mon to Sat 10 to
5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30 (ends May 31).

Music

Aske's School Choir, 5; Royal
Festival Hall, South Bank.
Handel's Messiah by the
Royal Choral Society; Royal
Albert Hall, SW7, 2.30.
Performance of the St Matthew Passion by the London
Cantata Choir, St Paul's Cathedral, EC2, 6.30.
Bach's St John Passion, the
Priory Festival Choir and London Schubert Orchestra, St
Bartholomew-the-Great, West

bican Centre, EC2, 7.
Concert of Easter Carols by

Bach's St John Passion, by the Choir of the Academy of Ancient Music and Academy, Bar-

Jacques Damase, Editeur d'Art. Rozelle House, Rozelle Park, Mooument Rd, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends April 23).

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#### Food prices

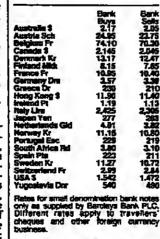
Good Friday is a traditional time for fish but the stormy weather has affected supplies this week, and as a result prices this week, and as a result prices have risen drastically. The average price of codling fillet is up 13p to £1.66 a lb; large cod fillets up 8p to £1.79; haddock up 9p to £1.84; whiting up 7p to £1.35; plaice up 7p to £1.89; and fresh mackerel up 6p to 68p. These are average prices based on a countrywide survey, but shoppers in some areas could nay a pound a pound more for some

varieties. Dover soles, down 13p to £3.24 a lb, smoked mackerel ot £1.01, and kippers at 97p are just a penny a lb more than last The seasonal rise io home-produced lamb prices cootinues with a further 2p a pound on most cuts, and this applies also to New Zealand lamb this week.

The average price of bome-produced whole leg is £1.87, with a range of £1.58 to £2.16 a pound. Whole shoulder is 90p to £1.47 and loin ebops £1.75 to £2.49. New Zealand lamb leg costs from £1.36 to £1.60, whole shoulder 69p 10 94p, and loin chops £1.24 10 £1.65 a lb.

Topside and silverside of beef, rump steak and braising steak should be slightly cheaper this week. Fore-rib on the booe ranges from £1.19 to £1.68 a pound, and best mince 98p to £1.38 a pound.
Some offers available at shops and supermarkets this week are: Dewhurst and Baxters, New

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Snow reports

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Top video rentals

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## Portfolio

For readers who may have nissed a copy of The Times this week, we repeat below the week's Portfolio price changes (today's are oo page 20).

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## Weather forecast

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6 am to midnight:

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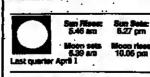
locally gale force; max temp 6 - 8C (43 - 46F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundes, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Moray Firth: Mostly dry bright start, showers scon developing, some heavy and thundery, sleet or snow over hills; wind SW, backing S, moderate or fresh locally strong; max 5 - 7C (41 - 45F).

SW Scotland, central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Showers or longer periods of rain, heavy at times, with thunder; sleet or snow over hills; wind SW, backing S fresh or strong, locally gale force, max temp 6 - 7C (43 - 45F).

Bright intervals and showers, some heavy and profile with thunder, sleet or snow on hills; wind S or SW becoming variable moderate or fresh, max temp 4 - 5C (39 - 41F).

Outlook for Saturday and Sunday:
Generally rather cold and windy with showers or longer outbreaks of rain. Sleet or snow over hills and perhaps also at some lower levels later. Also some brighter drier intertudes.

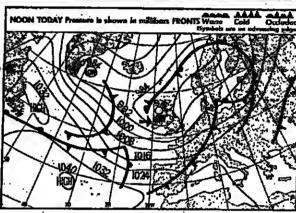


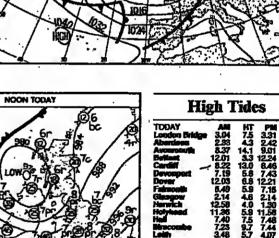
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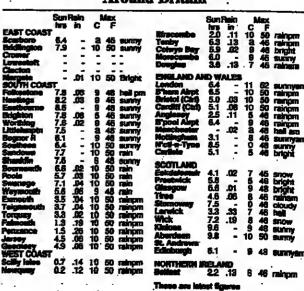
ive an-Easter international calls, from 6pm last night to 8am Tuesday.

Our address





**Around Britain** 



Abroad

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3 R1 held art-nouveau ex-hibition of three-faced figures (9). 4 Hotspur requested of Kate a good mouth-filling one (4).

5 Standard representation of gold and colourful bird (3,5).

Heavenly girl's no beginner! True! (8).

11 Pressed on, in dire trouble 14 Can a rich revolutionary be so lawless? (8).

12 Thrilling scheme pursued by 16 The Scots verified the Gertoff (8). so lawless? (8).

about work he's forecast (8). 18 Supplier of 16 though he 20 Daughter of Night seems in

distress (7) central point of tapestry (6). 22 Soldier ant? No, sort of

24 Jester rises to a superior (5). 25 Mountain in the Trossachs? Yes and no (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,004

Concise Crossword, page 10

6 Synthetic obtained from the north only (5).

8 A light surrounds saint in church changing room (6).

13 Number one garden boy in 17 Could be early American

student encircled by North io secular uprising (8). sounds more mysterious (6).

The Times Jumbo Crossword will be published tomogrow

Smithfield, EC3, 7. Concert by the Baroque Solo-ists of St Martin-in-the-Fields. St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafal-gar Square, WC2, 7.30.

Stainer's Crucifixion. St James's Sussex Gardens, W2, 8. Concert by the London Oriana Choir and English Ba-

roque Orchestra, St Jobo's, Smith Sq. SW1, 7.30. Recital by the Gwent Cham-ber Ensemble and Cathedral Lay Clerks; Brecon Cathedral,

Concert of Easter Music by the Bexhill Symphony Chorus, De la Warr Pavilion, Bexhill-General 1986 Camden Festival; for formation inquire 01 388

Easter Eggcilement, demonstration by clowns, Purcell Room, 2
Dagarti Music and Dance and Tristan Fry, workshop to teach children the basics of percussion music and African music, Purcell Room, 4;

Playbox and Commoo Lore Storeytellers for children; the Foyer, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, SEt, t to 4. (all end 31st March). Pearly Kings and Queens visit, Barbican Centre, EC2, 12

Inverness Folk Festival, in-quiries (0463) 238630 (ends 30th March). **Anniversaries** 

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# FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1390.0 (+9.8) FT-SE 100 1668.8 (+14.9) USM (Datastream) 117.46 (+0.27)

THE POUND

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**MARKET REPORT** 

#### The bulls stay in command

Stock markets ended the long three-week account in opti-mistic mood. Wall Street's 32-point advance overnight, coupled with another Japa-nese discount rate cut and the lessening tension in the Middle East, cootributed to the view that the bull market had some way to run.

Money market sources sugsted a 91/2 per cent base rate by mid-June. This talk boosted government stocks, which closed more than £1 higher additionally helped hy a rise of 11/2 poiots in the US loog bond and the continued strength of

The demand enabled the Government Broker to exhaust the remaining supplies of the Treasury 8 per cent 2002/06 stock issued last Friday. The market is again

tapless as a result. Taking their cue from Wall Street, equities opened with a flourish but subsequent end-

account profit-taking and lack of follow-through demand soon had prices slipping back. However, the FT-30 index held a modest rise, up 9.6 points at 1390, and so did the FTSE-100, up 14.9 at 1668.8, and there were signs that investors were hoying for the new account after the official

Leading shares eoded mixed but Thorn EMI, up 25p to 494p, stood out after a report that the troubled subsidiary Inmos was supplying its revolutionary transpute chip to an American computer manufacturer.

In contrast further consideration of Wednesday's results knocked 15p from Licas at 636p. But BOC Group, at 362p, GKN, 373p, Tate & Lyle, 633p, and Vickers, 483p, improved 6p to 10p.

Supermarkets made good progress. AB Foods extended Wednesday's late advance hy another 12p to 340p oo stock shortage. Tesco was another firm spot at 358p, up 8p.

Stores were supported again with renewed demand for Combined English, at 256p op 13p, oo persistent talks of a deal with GUS, 15p higher at 979p. Woolworth Holdings lost another 8p to 603p after

Wednesday's results. In textiles, House of Lerose was up 23p at 143p m response to a 65 per cent earnings expansion. Acquisi-tion hopes lifted F H Tomkins 11p to 246p and Tarmac continued to express satisfaction with the Thermalite acquisition, up 18p to 496p. FKI Electrical owed its 51/2p rise to

press comment. In quieter banks, Standard Chartered climbed 50p to 622p, excited by the £80 million Mocatta deal and better-than-expected results. The rise was also accompanied by bid talk but dealers were convinced that the move was a catching-up exercise after depression caused by the tin crisis and Far Eastern baoking problems.

Insurances made a drab showing with Guardian Royal 18p easier at 848p ahead of Wednesday's results.

Satisfactory figures lifted Bridon another 10p to 174p. Birmid Qualcast added another 3p to 132p after the anoual meeting statement. Glynwed's Australian deal and anticipation of good results boosted shares 16p to 362p. Smiths Industries, also reporting soon, hardened 4p to 316p.

Electricals improved with STC up another 6p to 136p after a recent upgrading. Inter-national Signal was also firm at 355p, up 12p, and VG Instruments advanced 18p to 414p on further reaction to Wednesday's 35 per cent expansion.

The second secon

Automatic Products rallied 11p 10 242p hehiod Wednesday's figures from Lucas. GKN was another to benefit at 373p, up 6p. The appointment of a chief executive helped Kenning Motor to another 7p rise at 213p. Disappointing profits lopped 8p from Auto Security at 175p but J Billiam, at 100p up 9p. Breedon Cloud, 270p up 7p. and John I Jacobs, 58%p up 1%p, reflected favourable

BAT Industries improved 9p more to 400p oo Wednesday's results. Reckitts, reporting next Thursday. gained 9p to 809p. British and Commonwealth attracted investmeni support at 378p up )

# PCW names plan to sue if July 1 deadline is not met

Lloyd's names on the loss stricked PCW syndicates have the committee will decide been advised by a steering whether sufficient progress committee of names that, if has been made to defer litigasatisfactory progress towards a tion further.
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claims is oot made by July 1, were forthco

writs will be issued. The standstill agreement on litigation, which was negotiated with Lloyd's and other potential defendants, has been extended until the end of September. It was due to expire at the end of this month\_

According to the letter written yesterday to names, the decision to extend the agree-ment indicates "that there are grounds for optimism that a fair settlement to the PCW affair will be forthcoming and that it will be forthcoming in principle by the end of June". The committee, however, has said that it expects to see

written proposals for a settlement tabled by potential denames states that since Christby Lloyd's to have misappro-

Even if written proposals were forthcoming by the end of June, it might take several more months for an offer to be published to names and for that offer to be accepted by names, the letter said.

Since the standstill agree-ment was negotiated last Christmas, the defendants, who include Lloyd's and the Lloyd's brokers Minet Holdings, Alexander Howden and Sedgwick, have seen the draft statement of claim against them. Lloyd's has been actively seeking a settlement since then, which would involve the brokers and names paying a proportion of the estimated losses.

mas there has been a mood of realism and better understanding at Lloyd's of the PCW affair, which was not evident before.

Part of the problem of finding a settlement is esti-mating the exact size of the potential losses. The last published figure was £130 million, hut it is feared that the poor quality of business and lack of adequate reinsurance cover could cause this to rise to £200 million or more. AUA3, the agency appointed by Lloyd's to close down the old PCW syndicates, is working hard to try to produce up-to-date fig-

PCW names refused to pay their losses last year because they said they were caused by fraud as well as bad underwriting. Former managers of the PCW agency, particularly Mr Peter Cameron-Webb and Mr

priated £39 million of names' money between 1968 and 1982. Mr Dixon was found guilty by Lloyd's of divertiog cates for his own personal use.

The letter to names says it is highly improbable that any cash calls will be made oo PCW names this year, not least because Lloyd's and AUA3 appreciate that any such call would be vigorously resisted. Nearly 200 PCW names were suspended from underwriting at Lloyd's last year for failing to show they had adequate resources to meet their losses.

Next week American law-yers acting for 50 PCW names are coming to Loodoo 10 coosult with the names' British solicitors. They will discuss whether the steering committee should advise names to sue in American courts, if a decision is taken to proceed with litigation.

# **Standard Chartered leads** race to claim ITC assets

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

Banks and other creditors of the International Tim Council best dougnentation. Its agreeare racing to be the first to ments allow for arbitration to be the first to ments allowed to be the first to ments allowed t claim their share of the International Tin Council's unquantified hut small assets.

Standard Chartered Bank has secured from the council an uodertaking that ITC assets will oot be moved out of Britain. The undertaking increases the bank's chances of recovering its £10 millioo in loans to the council in a High Court action due to start on

bank has the best documentatioo of any lender to the FTC and consequently hopes it will be first to recover its money. The bank is suing for recovery £6 million. of its loan, outstanding inter-

Westland

share cut

By Judith Huntley

company and subject of politi-

cal coorroversy, wants to cut drastically the cominal value

of its ordinary shares to wipe out a £47.8 millioo loss.

The company, which was the subject of a £75 million

rescue package by Sikorsky, the US helicopter company,

and Fiat, the Italian company,

Westland, the helicopter

settle disputes, and the bank has instructed its lawyers to initiate arbitration proceed-

ings against the ITC.
In all, banks and other financial institutions lent the ITC £340 million. The ITC effectively defaulted on these debts when oo October 24 last year its buffer stock department said it had run out of mooey with which to continue

April 9.

The key to that actioo is a waiver by the ITC of its sovereign immunity in loan agreements with Standard to meet its obligations. It is Chartered. In this respect, the understood to have very little cash and a stockpile of about 1,700 tonnes of tin, which at present tin prices of less than £4,000 a tonne is worth under But Standard Chartered al-

ready holds entitlements to

amount outstanding. The problem for other creditors is that the ITC as such might have oothing left with which to repay them.

Banks admit, therefore, that they could quickly find themselves in legal actions against some or all of the ITC's 22 member couotries, including Britain. The complication here is that a legal declaration of a default by a country could trigger cross default clauses in loan agreements with other

lenders to that country.

Sir Adam Ridley, a director of Hambros Bank, has estimated that the ITC's debts total £420 million. Banks and other financial

creditors are owed £80 millioo of capital and the same amount of interest at a noticoal 10 per cent. Brokers and dealers are owed £180 millioo

# est, and damages. Kleinwort Benson, which also lent the ITC £10 million, for its loans. Realizing this dealers are owed £180 million of capital and another £80 million of interest.

vesterday.

between imported goods and

is asking shareholders to allow it to write off the £47.8 million deficit oo the profit and loss account to enable future profits to be distributed to them. 9.7 per cent to \$30.23 billion. The Westland board wants

approval to cut the oominal value of the ordinary shares from 25p to 21/2p and to reduce the share premium account and other reserves by £21.2

The move is part of Westland's reconstruction plans. The company is unable to pay a dividend at the moment. It suffered a pretax loss of £95.3 million for the year ended September 30 1985.

Westland's annual meeting is to be held on April 25 and shareholders will then be asked to approve the write off of the £47.8 million deficit by

million.

special resolution. The reduction of capital will not affect assets attributable to shareholders. In additioo 10 the special resolution Westland's board will also have to obtain the approval of the courts for its capital reduction plan. It is anticipated that the court hearing will

annual meeting. The maio reasons for the loss were the exceptional pro-visions of £106.6 million of

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be two months after the

# Sharp fall in US trade deficit

United States exports rose January. Volume was down and imports declined last 21,23 per ceot to 152,26 month, sharply reducing the million barrels from 193.42 country's trade deficit, in million. manufactured goods, the The average price for a Commerce Department said barrel of imported oil was

It said that the shortfall exports declined to \$12.49 duction cuts by Middle Eastbillioo (£8.61 billion) last ern producers caused spot month from January's record shortages and spiraling oil \$16.46 billion. prices for for American

Exports last month rose by 4.3 per cent to \$17.73 billion the highest level sioce last June. Imports were down by

The sharp drop io world oil prices helped February's trade figures. The Commerce Department reported that both the volume and dollar value of imported oil was down last month from a month earlier.

Petroleum imports plunged in value by 27.9 per cent during February to \$3.78 bil-lion from \$5.25 billion io billion.

down by \$2.29 to \$24.85. This was the lowest level since November 1979, when proconsumers.

Imports of items other than nil, such as cars, clothing and other goods, fell moderately to \$22.2 billioo last mouth from \$23.46 hillioo in January.

The improvement in export performance last mooth included a rise in the value of manufactured goods sales to \$12.18 billioo from \$11.39 billioo in January.

Sales abroad of aircraft and

# Property firm flotation

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

Clarke Securities, the £70 million to broaden the million Stafford based private company's base. property and construction oup, is floating its property division on the market by. reversing into a former manufacturiog company, Redman

The new company, to be called St Modwen Properties, will have a market capitaliza-tion of £10 million. Mr Stan Clarke, the chairman of Clarke Securities, will have a large stake in the oew compa-oy and he will be its chief executive.

Redman Heenan shareholders will be asked to approve a which £79.8 million was a subscription, a placing and a velope write down oo civil aircraft. rights issue to raise £3.1 years.

Si Modwen Properties will have net tangible assets of £1.7 million, equivalent to 10.05p of the enlarged share capital. St Modwen plans to devel-

op over one million sq ft of retail space in Britain. Its major schemes are the £20 million, 140,000 sq ft Octagon Centre in Burtoo-on-Trent Staffordshire, and the £15 million 250,000 sq ft out of town centre at Junctioo 28 of the M1 motorway.

The company has amhitions to become one of the leading retail and leisure developers within the next five

#### MARKET SUMMARY MAIN PRICE CHANGES

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US: Prime Rate 9% Frider hate 3% Federal Funds 7%% 3-month Treasory Bills 6.34-6.32% 30-year bonds 1189-e-118%

#### Deputy to be next chairman of ICI

By Teresa Poole

Imperial Chemical Indus tries is to have its youngest chairman since its foundation 60 years ago. Mr Denys Henderson, who will be 54 when he takes over on April 1, next year, was the frontrunner

for the job. Mr Henderson, a main board director for six years, who became deputy chairman yesterday, will succeed Sir John Harvey-Jones on his

The flamboyant Sir John would be a difficult act to follow, he admitted, and he



Denys Henderson: elected hy overwhelming majority had no intention of being a

carbon-copy. He said:"His style and mine are different. I am my own man but 1 am so much in sympathy with John's style. 1 believe that the strategies are coming through pretty

satisfactorily."
Sir John, who has always said he would retire after five years in the job, said he was very happy at the choice. "1 have been very anxious that we do not lose the momentum that we have built up."

Until Sir John's retirement, the two men, who have known each other since 1964 when they were both in Japan, intend to work closely together to smooth the transition. The company's salaries committee has yet to decide if the new chairman's salary will match the £312,991 paid to Sir John

Mr Henderson was born in Sri Lanka, the son of a tea planter, and educated in Aberdeen, where he qualified as a Scottish solicitor.

His IC1 career began in 1957, after national service, when he joined as a lawyer but the extrovert Scot soon gradu-ated towards the marketing and commercial end of the husiness, with a series of posts in many of the company's

His current responsibilities as a director, include pharma ceuticals, agrochemicals, col-ours, and paiots, and last year he set up the ICI acquisitions

ICT's unique method of se-lecting a chairman meant that each director was sounded out by a trusted teller - in this case Sir Robin libs — who then reported back to Sir John. The vote for Mr Henderson was overwhelming. The future chairman did not envisage any big strategy changes but gave a warning against

City analysts welcomed the appointment and were pleased that ICI had pre-empted speculation over the succession by making g an cement. Mr Hendersoo has a five year contract but could have

#### up to eight years at the top before reaching ICI's retire-ment age of 62. Britannia deal

Britannia Arrow has agreed in principle to acquire MIM. an investment management company, from Aetna Life and Casualty Co. Details will be announced shortly.

#### **Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet**

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# The end of an era in North Sea profits

Company profits rose by 17 per cent last year, according to official figures released yesterday. This is a handsome figure, in accord with the expectations on which the rising market in ordinary shares, in its earlier stages, was based. But the figures may herald the end of an era: for the first time since providence and the oil companies gave Britain North Sea oil, profits from the North Sea have fallen.

Furthermore, the figures for the fourth quarter of 1985 contain the first hint that company profits are coming under pressure: they would seem to be inadequate for the various

claims on them. Profits, net of stock appreciation, of non-oil companies rose from £31.4 hillion in 1984 to £40.7 billion last year, an increase of 29.7 per cent. North Sea companies, in contrast,

recorded a 4 per cent fall in profits, from £19.1 billion in 1984 to £18.4 hillion last year. The figures are affected by the inclusion of British Telecom for the whole of last year. Without British

Telecom, the overall profits increase would have been 12 per cent, and the rise for non-oil companies 21 per cent, or 14 per cent in real terms. The evidence of pressures on profits are mirrored in a decline in the company sector's financial surplus. In the fourth quarter it fell to £377 million, from £1.95 billion in the third quarter. Capital investment remained high and rising but even more interesting was the sharp increase in stockbuilding. Having fallen by £203 million in the third

final three months. Clearly, the boom the Government keeps talking about not only exists but it is also being taken seriously by industry. And the wherewithal for stockbuilding is coming from the banks: borrowings rose to £1,753 million from £743 million in the

quarter, it leapt to £545 million in the

third quarter. These trends suggest a further surge in demand for bank credit this year as undistributed profits, which peaked in the first quarter and fell to their lowest level since 1983 in the fourth, become increasingly inadequate. In addition to sustaining high capital spending and rising stock levels, companies have built into their profit and loss accounts higher dividends (32 per cent up last year, or 27 per cent leaving out British Telecom). Other dividends and interest payments were 22 per cent higher last year than in 1984, while taxes rose 20 per cent and pfofits due abroad by 13 per cent. All in all, the corporate picture is not quite as rosy as it might

#### Final reckoning

United Biscuits managed to add only about 1 per cent to its acceptances by yesterday's second closing date, taking its control to around 23 per cent of Imperial against the rival Hanson Trust's 28 per cent.

The low level of acceptances is hardly surprising so soon after the Office of Fair Trading's clearance and so soon before Easter. The real and final battle will be fought next week. Hanson has made much of the fact

that its best offer is the highest on the table. With Hanson shares at 179p, its all-paper offer is worth 367p against UB's best offer of shares. convertible and cash at 340p with UB's shares at 244p. The two cash and share mix offers are level pegging at 332p. Imperial shares were at 343p. Acceptances for the Hanson bid have shown 85 per cent preference for the all-paper option. Clearly those who have plumped for Hanson have

taken a view on the future security of Hanson paper, which has risen strongly lately. Hanson believes the Americans are rerating the shares after the SCM victory. Others point to the fourfold increase in activity in Hanson traded options since mid-March as indication that the rise may not be sustained.

The battle, however, should not be decided by a short-term share price movement. The real issue is the longterm fate of Imperial, a major force in the consumer industry, and where its

best future lies, Hanson and UB are offering two different concepts: the conglomerate, which adds on non-complementary businesses and manages them to produce the most profitable results, against the merger of two highly complementary businesses to make a world force in food. UB and Imperial believe two plus two will equal five if they combine, because of the sizeable integration savings to be had.

The question of management has been raised frequently. Hanson would have it that Sir Hector Laing, chairman of UB, is being overambitious, But Sir Hector has managed his businesses through difficult times both in Britain and more recently in the US. Keebler has come through the worst excesses of the cookie war better than its competitors and UB was quick to turn round the business when things were going

The management question is more about the types of business to be managed. Hanson's experience is mainly with industrial companies. Moreover, it has not detailed what it would want to do with Imperial. UB has made clear that it wants to keep and develop all Imperial's businesses. It was very sorry Golden Wonder had to go. It also has the advantage of being supported by Imperial's top management, who will stay and run the businesses that UB knows less about, namely tobacco and brewing.

The potential growth from two complementary businesses and the integration benefits to be won from combined distribution, sales and buying power, which will be far more than the conservative £30 million outlined by Imperial, should ensure a better future for Imps than under a conglomerate whose organic growth has been legitimately questioned.

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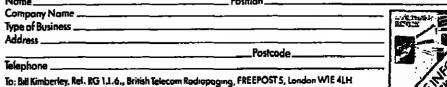
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Accountant

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oil firms

By David Young

**Energy Correspondent** 

the financial community will

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accounts very carefully, an oil industry specialist, said.

Mr Bernard Clow, of Peat

Marwick, the accountants, told anoil industry seminar

Falling oil prices will mean

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# Holiday sun shines early for Intasun

for turning thoughts to warm sells specialist holidays to the summer holidays, spent on glorious sandy beaches. According to International Leisure, the Intasun holiday group, and Horizon, both of which announced results last week, many families have already booked their holidays.

sells specialist holidays to the over 60's, is under less pressure to cut selling prices. At 203p the shares are trading on 12 times prospective earnings Royal Insurance Royal In

Intasun has taken 1.1 mil- offer cut-price rates for on bookings, against only houses protected by security lion bookings, against only houses protected by security 530,000 this time last year. At devices failed to impress the

Thomson, the largest tour company, is understood to be in a similar position. All three expect to sell many more holidays this year than last, with Intasun forecasting 1.6 million and Horizon 500,000.

The huge number of early sales makes its less likely that there will be another bout of discounting later. Already Horizon and Thomson have slashed prices by roughly 20 er cent. Intasun has stood back from this cut-throat competition, and says the average price of its holidays is only !! per cent less than last

As n result, Intasun's margins should hold up best. Last week it forecast profits of £23.3 million for the year ending this month, against £24.8 million in the previous year. Excluding exceptional items such as the profit on aeroplane sales, this leaves profits at £8.7 million. On the same basis it could make £15.8 millioo this year, helped by interest received on the £28 million rights issue, also announced last week.

Horizon, battling to recover market share, is likely to see its margins eroded substantially, with the result that. profits from trading could be negligible. At 126p, its share price owes much to bid speculation, as Bass holds 26 per cent and Mr Ron Brierley 7 per cent of the shares.

International Leisure is less speculative and with holders of 40 per cent of the shares, Croda including the directors, not taking up their rights, there is bound to be some weakness in the price. Mr Roy Owens Croda's dividend announced of Kitcat & Aitken believes the shares, which were 119p yesterday, should be held and even bought on weakness.

expanding again although so far only a minority of the

This emerges from the latest

quarterly assessment of the industry by the British Foot-

wear Manufacturers Federa-

tion which also reports

volume deliveries by British

This was despite overall

supplies to the market, includ-

ing imports, being down 2 per cent at 268 million pairs. The

British makers delivered 129

million pairs. Import penetra-

tion is still high at 58.6 per

cent but that is a drop of just

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up 1 per cent from 1984.

manufacturers expect to.

Royal Insurance's decision to Horizon bookings are run-ning at 350,000, which is shares hardly budged even more than double last year's though the move was a fillipfor security product

> Automated Security (Holdings), which announced refor the year to November yesterday, was no exception, with its shares unchanged at 183p. Profits were up by 37 per cent to £8.66 million before tax but this was slightly less than had

been expected. The associate, Network Security, contributed £780,000 and that would have been higher but for sterling's strength against the dollar.

ASH also had problems of its own making in that its unaudited interim figures had shown a first-half increase of 46 per cent, giving rise to hopes of continued progress at the same level. The company now gives a warning that trends should not be read into its interim

Taking a longer term view, bowever, prospects are good. The acquisition of Security Centres, which contributed nothing to last year's result, will have boosted turnover substantially.
Sales could rise from last

year's £37.6 million to possi-bly £55 million this year. If, as the company bopes, mar-gins remain the same, operating profits could rise from £10.7 million to £15.5 million. With interest charges apparently set to fall, pretax profits could well be £14.5

## International

Step-forward for

footwear makers

Some of Britain's troubled A factor in the improved

footwear makers may soon be performance of the British

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By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

yesterday is unchanged compared with last year's and is oo more than was expected. The company doubled its For an even safer share, dividend in 1982 to stave off investors can opt for Saga an unwelcome bid from

makers is that their exports

rose last year in volume by

some 2 per cent. Exports now

account for about 14 per cent of British production. Sales to

the United States had been

growing strongly with im-

provements showing up also in the French, Dutch and

A minority of British mak-

ers are now thinking about

expansion, the federation re-

ported. But it warned that for

most businesses continued

pressure on margins and lack

of confidence about trading prospects beyond the next few

months were still a deterrent

to investment for the time

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Italian markets.

This year, the directors feel sufficiently comfortable at last to make positive noises about a possible increase next year. From being barely covered in 1982, the dividend was covered 1.7 times in 1985. If the outcome for 1986 is as satisfactory as the com-pany hopes, the intention is to make some increase in the level of the ordinary dividend

In the year to December Croda International achieved its fifth consecutive year of profits growth. Pretax profit was £22.9 million, a 14 per cent increase on 1984. Turnover was up 6 per cent to

A breakdown of pretax profit shows that Croda Chemicals remains by far the most important profit centre. Its pretax £14 million, up 11 per cent, accounted for 61 per cent of profit.

The poor performance of Croda World Traders, down nearly £1 million to £1.7 million, was mainly attributable to losses in forward commodity contracts.

Since the low point of 1980 when the company was severely hit by the recession, pretax profits have grown nt an average annual compound rate of more than 25 per cent. Much of this is due to the significant effort which has gone into streamlining the ess. This process culminated in the sale of two unprofitable businesses last year. The UK printing ink operations were sold after years of losses and Premier Oils, a refiner of edible oilseed was sold for £10

These disposals are a manifestation of one tier of the company's strategic approach which is to turn round, sell or close those operations whose profit outlook indicates that they have no long-term future m the group.

Croda believes that its fundamental problems are now solved and that the quality of the group' earnings are improving. The shares,

#### organized by Fielding Newson Smith, the stockbroker, that assessment of the financial performance of oil companies will be thrown into confusion once the sharp drop in oil prices hit the balance sheets. He said: "If sterling oil prices stay at their present levels, oil companies will be facing large and unpalatable reductions in earnings and balance sheet values. "Reconciling the long-term nature of the projects under-

taken by the industry with the need for short-term financial statements has always been highly problematical. But in the light of plummeting oil prices, the failure of the Geneva Opec talks, and the traditionally cautious approach taken by auditors in assessing profits and losses, next year's reports and accounts will be gloomy reading, even if crude prices are to

recover in the longer term."
Fielding Newson Smith"s own oil industry specialist, Mr Humphrey Harrison, said: "It is not merely that 1986 profits and dividends are impossible to forecast Cashflow, which has been virtually halved overnight, will become the primary indicator of the oil companies' financial health. and liquidity will become all important. If oil prices remain depressed, we would expect a number of bankruptcies.

\*Lower oil prices will make new North Sea technology more necessary, according to the Floating Technology Company (Floatech).

# Government likely to scrap controversial ADR tax

By Jeremy Warner, Business Correspondent

The Government looks certain to abandon the proposed 5 per cent tax on the conversion of British shares into American Depository Receipts.

The new tax announced in the Budget, has stirred up a storm of protest both in the City and among British com-panies whose shares are actively traded in ADR form in the United States.

The Stock Exchange is also lending its support to the campaign to have the tax scrapped despite the fact that growth in the ADR market has meant a considerable loss of business to the London market over the last five years. ADRs allow the shares of

British companies to be traded in overseas markets such as New York without having to comply with tough and often costly overseas regulatory

Mr Stephen Raven, chairman of the Stock Exchange's barriers suinternational markets com-

mittee, said the imposition of the 5 per cent duty was a "disappointing and retrograde

"The measure disadvantages those major British companies who want to raise capital in the international nffsei any loss of revenue from the reduction in the rate of stamp duty on share purchases because new conver-sions into ADRs are unlikely to take place, and it will not assist the Government in its desire 10 market internationally the shares of newly priva-tized industries," he said. The Stock Exchange be-

lieves that anything that smacks of protectionism will ultimately damage the Lon-don market and the City generally. Mr Raven said that

London's reputation as an international financial centre would be ill served by erecting barriers such as the proposed

Finance directors from a number of leading British companies have also declared their opposition to the tax. After a meeting at Imperial Chemical Industries headquarters this week, the finance directors said that the duty would have serious financial and commerical consequences

for British companies.

The chairmen of three of Britain's leading companies, Sir Kenneth Durham of Unilever, Sir Peter Walters of British Petroleum and Mr Patrick Sheehy of BAT Industries, said in a letter to the Press that the measure was inept and looked like another piece of anti-Americanism. It comes at a time when we and others have made great

shareholdings to support the growth of our own activities in the United States," they said.
Some finance directors are nlready considering avoidance

efforts to build up strong US

measures as extreme as changing their company's domicile.

One, who did not wish to be raise no extra revenue for the chancellor since companies avoiding the tax or the ADR market would dry up entirely.

The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, announced in the Budget that he was halving the rate of stamp duty on ordinary share transactions to 0.5 per cent. In order to recoup the estimated £70 million loss of revenue, he would be intro-ducing a 5 per cent duty on ADR conversions and bringing a number of transactions previously exempt from stamp into the tax net.

The Stock Exchange said in its Budget submission that stamp duty should be abolished entirely because of the effect it was having on the international competitiveness of London as a financial centre and as a market place for raising capital by British

#### Novel £12m debenture by **British Land**

British Land, the property and industrial company, is issuing a £12 million debenture of 38-year money at a

price of £95.52 per cent. The debenture arises from an innovative "drop lock" debenture issue arranged in 1981 by Guinness Mahon & Co, the merchant bank, and James Capel & Co, the stockbroker. It has been triggered by a fall in gilt rates to a 9.8 per cent yield.

The debenture is secured on British Land's Plantation House City office block. There is an 11 per cent fixed coupon The company can draw a second tranche of £20 million.

# inflation index homeless

Rising housing costs and, in particular, higher mortgage tary announced the reconventates, contributed nearly n ing of the RPI advisory third of the inflation rate last

Retail prices increased by 5.5 per cent in the 12 months to January. If housing had been excluded from the Retail Price Index, the rise would have been just 3.8 per cent, onblished by the Department of Employment.

The treatment of bousing within the RPI has been a matter of controversy. In June sion of mortgage rates, which

committee to look into the construction of the index.

Growing pressure to make

The Government was embarrassed by the effects on the inflation rate of increases in the mortgage interest rate.

This embarrassment persists. Last year, mortgage according to figures in the interest payments rose by 18 latest Employment Gazette, per cent and were the main interest payments rose by 18 reason for the large rise in the housing component of the

The argument for the exclu-

has been advanced by the building societies, is that their inclusion as n cost is one-sided benefit from higher rates of-

fered to savers.

The RP1 ndvisory committee, originally due to have published its report by now, appears to be having difficulty with this argument. The committee's report will not be published until the end of the

An alternative to the exclusion of mortgage rates will be proposed by the Institute for Fiscal Studies next month.

A B.A.T INDUSTRIES REPORT

Extracts from the preliminary results for the year ended 31 December 1985

# which closed up 4p on the results, are likely to be underpinned by the yield. Even on a modest dividend increase of 0.5p net in 1986, the prospective gross yield is 6.9 Profit £1168 Provincial Dividend up by 17½%

# Year to December 1984 **Group Results**

Attributable to B.A.T Industries £674m £784m

Dividend per share

Pre-tax profit

£1=\$1.446 at 31.12.85 (\$1.159 at 31.12.84).

Group pre-tax profits in 1985 totalled £1168 million. This 17 per cent decline - as reported in sterling - owed much to the weakness of the US dollar, which sharply reduced profits when translated into sterling at yearend rates. Operating profits were 12 per cent lower at £1288 million, and attributable earnings were 14 per cent down at £674 million.

The year in fact saw growth and good performance in most of the Group's businesses. Tobacco and paper had a particularly strong year, as did life and pensions business and UK retailing. There were however unsatisfactory performances in some parts of US retailing and unexpectedly high claims experience in UK general

insurance. Nevertheless total operating profit in local currency terms showed a further one per cent improvement and would have reached £1485 million had exchange rates remained constant during the year. After a higher net interest charge, pretax profits would have shown a decrease of 3 per cent to £1361 million. The Group remains one of the UK's leading and most profitable businesses.

All comparisons are affected by further changes in Group structure. Allied Dunbar was acquired, Soporcel became an associate, and Mardon Packaging was sold. It is a striking testimony to the Group's financial strength and strong cash flow that the gross debt/equity ratio came down to 50 per cent, having risen to 64 per cent in early 1985 following the purchase of Allied Dunbar.

12.10p

£1168m £1405m

10.30p

Taking the increase in Group results reported over the two years, 1984 and 1985, pre-tax profits are up by 19 per cent and earnings per share by 22 per cent.

**Tobacco** experienced a buoyant year. Group cigarette volume rose by 4 per cent, with improved market share in Brazil and the US. In local currencies Group trading profit from tobacco increased by 8 per cent.

Paper also had a strong year, with higher sales of carbonless copying paper from both Wiggins Teape and Appleton. With help from lower pulp prices profits grew by 19 per cent in local currencies.

Retailing had a mixed year, with another sparkling performance from Argos and good results in

difficult circumstances from Marshall Field's, Saks Fifth Avenue and Ivey's. But most of our other US stores performed inadequately and it has been decided to concentrate our efforts on stores which offer growth potential and to dispose of the others, which in aggregate made a substantial loss.

Financial services now includes Allied Dunbar as well as Eagle Star, and both achieved substantial growth in life and pensions income. Eagle Star's general business suffered from an unexpectedly high claims experience but premium rates are now at a more satisfactory

Associated companies had an excellent year in local currencies. Imasco achieved further growth despite competitive pressures in Canadian tobacco and US drug

In the light of the year's positive features the Board will be recommending to shareholders a final **dividend** of 7.35p, making a total for the year of 12.10p, an increase of 17.5 per cent over the previous year, and an 85 per cent growth in excess of UK inflation over the past five years.

**PROSPECTS** for 1986 are for further growth at operating profit level. Factors outside our control include exchange rates and greatly reduced investment income from Brazil. But we expect an increase in attributable profits.

PATRICK SHEEHY, Chairman

#### BAT INDUSTRIES Kinder has been named deputy chairman in addition to his present position as chief

Full financial statements will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies and carry an unqualified audit report. The results are being posted to shareholders. Copies are available from the Company Secretary, B.A.T. Industries p.l.c., Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SWIH ONL

#### **Notice to Members** and Depositors WITH EFFECT FROM 1st SEPTEMBER, 1985, THE FOLLOWING INTEREST RATES WILL APPLY TO INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS:

Paid-Up Shares	7.00% equivalent to 10.00
† Books Shares '7' 28' Plus (balances below £18,000) Plus (balances above £19,800)	8,80% equivalent to 12.57 9,65% equivalent to 12.93 9,35% equivalent to 13.38 10.00% equivalent to 14.79
Kitty Cisb	7.75% equivalent to 11.07
A.V.C's to Pension Schemes	12.25% gross
Passing Funds	11.25% gross



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#### profits plummet Provincial Insurance is restructuring after reporting substantial losses on all areas of general underwriting. Estimated results for 1985

show a general business un-derwriting loss of £21.68 millioo against £12.65 million a year earlier although general business premiums were up at £191.43 million from £157.75

The final dividend is 15p making a total of 25p, up 2p. Group profit before tax was sharply down to £368,000 from £3.69 million.

The directors have decided to recommend to shareholders a reorganization of the existing group structure, involving the creation of a new holding company. Full details will be sent to shareholders in the next three months.

Proposals will include cancellation of the 10 per cent and 25 per cent listed preference shares on payment to the holders of 140p and 70p per share respectively.

Provincial says substantial underwriting losses have resulted from general insurance in all major areasin which the company operates.
The United Kingdom recorded premium growth of

#### APPOINTMENTS

29.7 per cent.

Kenning Motor Group: Mr John Take is joining the company as group chief executive on May 1.

Burston-Marsteller UK: Mr

Timothy Foster has been made creative director. Rolls-Royce: Sir Nicholson is joining the board on Tuesday.
Incorporated Society of

aluers and Auctioneers: Mr Brian Goswell has been inaugurated as president. Westminster Insurance Ser vices: Mr Edwin Bassett and

Mr Douglas Harman are now Ayer Barker: Mr Michael Soden has become managing Price Waterhouse: Mr Ian

Beesley joins the partnership

Health First: Mr Christopher Long has been made financial director. Smith & Nephew Associat d Companies: Mr Eric

executive. Whittingdale: Mr Dale mer has joined the board. Cranleigh Clark: Mr Bryan Fedrick has become managing THE TIMES

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#### COMPANY NEWS

(HOLDINGS): Total dividend for 1985 3p (2.5p). Turnover £118.57 million (£117.46 million). Pretax profit £8.78 million (£7.58 million). Earnings per share 9.8p (6.7p). The board reports that the group entered 1986 with a good order book and prospects in all divisions are encouraging.

● NEWEY GROUP: Turnover o NEWEY GROUP: Turnover for 1985 £17.38 million (£17.9 million). Pretax profit £1.8 million (£1.35 million). Earnings per share £1.50 (0.4p). O BRITANNIC ASSURANCE: Total dividend for 1985 29.3p (25.5p). Earned for ordinary stockholders £6.58 million (£5.46 million). Turnover (premium income) £151.24 million (£142.03 million). O SILVERMINES: Total dividend for 1985 7p (3.75p). Turnover £7 million (£13.04 million). Earnings per share 1.5p (0.4p). O BAILLE CIFFORD JAPAN TRUST: Gross investment income for the half-year to Feb. 28, 1986, £274,949 (£277.220). Earnings per share 1.5p (0.4p). O BAILLE CIFFORD JAPAN TRUST: Gross investment income for the half-year to Feb. 28, 1986, £274,949 (£277.220). Earnings per share 1.5p (0.4p). O BAILLE CIFFORD JAPAN TRUST: Gross investment income for the half-year to Feb. 28, 1986, £274,949 (£277.220). Earnings per share 1.5p (0.4p). O BAILLE CIFFORD JAPAN TRUST: Gross investment income for the half-year to Feb. 28, 1986, £277.290. Earnings per share 1.5p (0.4p). O BAILLE CIFFORD JAPAN TRUST: Gross investment income for the half-year to Feb. 28, 1986, £277.290. Earnings per share (5.50p). O STEEL BURRILL JONES: Total dividend for 1985 7p (3.75p). Turnover £7 million (£5.16 million). Pretax profit £4.76 million (£5.16 million). Earnings per share 1.5p (0.4p).

BROWN BOVERI KENT £4.26 million (Irish £4.68 MEZZANINE CAPITAL
CORPORATION: Net investment income for the half-year to Nov. 30, 1985, \$4.24 million (£16,000). Earnings per share (£2.88 million), against \$4.8 million.

million.

CHRISTY HUNT: Turnover for half-year to Dec. 31, 1985 for half-year to Dec. 31, 1985, £2.78 million (£1.13 million). Pretax profit £55.000 (£9.000).

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# of Scotland plc Mortgage Rates

The Royal Bank of Scotland announces that with effect from 1 May 1986 its House Mortgage Rate will be reduced from 12%% to 12% per annum. **Endowment Mortgage Rate** will be reduced from 12%% to 12% per annum.

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not less than £4.2 million fore-cast in the prospectus.

WOLD: No final dividend, making 0.75p for 1985. The company obtained a USM quotation last June. Turnover £30.97 million £26.04 million). Pretax profit £465.000 (£1.47 million). Earnings per share 0.990 (5p). milion). Earnings per share ().99p (5p).

• LYON AND LYON: Unchanged total dividend of 5.5p for 1985. Turnover £13.9 milion (£11.6 million). Pretax profit £429,208 (£443,114). Earnings per share 9.98p (6.849). (6.84p).

■ METAL CLOSURES: Dividead for 1985 imchanged at 6.7p. Turnover £83.7 million (£88.48 million). Pretax profit £3.84 million (£7.04 million). Earnings per share 8.30p (17.1p).

year to Jan. 31, 1986. Interim

(£116,000). Earnings per share 3.4p (3.4p).

REALLY USEFUL GROUP: Six months to Dec. 31, 1985. Interim dividend 3.75p (nil), payable May 18. Turnover £7.51 million (£4.5 million). Pretax profit £2.02 million (£864,000). Earnings per share 12.3p (4.8p). For the full year, the board remains confident of achieving the pretax profit of not less than £4.2 million forecast in the prospectus

7.1p). -ARTHUR ARTHUR WOOD LONGPORT: Dividend for 1985 2.5p (3.5p), payable on May 21. Turnover £3.54 million (£4.01 million). Pretax profit £140,000 (£450,000). Earnings per share 3.95p (13.32p).

PHILIPS' LAMPS: Avnet has signed an agreement with the company to establish a joint venture for compact disc-player manufacturing. The venture will be called Compact Disc

BASE LENDING RATES

C. Hoare & Co.

ROHAN GROUP: Total

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dividend for 1985 cut from 12.75p to 4.8p. Turnover Irish £19.23 million (Irish £25.4 million). Pretax profit Irish 6.130,000 (Irish £3.32 million). Before Sir Nicolas Browne-MOORGATE MER-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, CANTILE HOLDINGS: The Lord Justice Mustill and Lord company has accurated a state of the lord state o

company has acquired a port-folio of medium-term secured mortgages from Brigstowe Fi-nance for £1.05 million, sat-isfied by the allotment of 2.23 shares have been placed.

PIFCO HOLDINGS: Interim dividend I.76p (same). payable on April 30. Pretex profit for the half-year to Oct. 31, 1985, £407,000 (£478,000). Earnings per share 5.41p (5.96p).

• UNITED LEASING: The company has sold a German microcomputer offshoot GVR, for £550,000. United was noviling to commit the addi-tional capital and management resources to raise GVR from a local dealer to a nationwide presence in Germany. It prefers to concentrate on the domestic

microcomputer market.

• LOWE HOWARD-SPINE

& BELL: Final dividend of 4p, as forecast, making a total of 6p (2.6p) on increased capital.

Turnover for 1985 £58.01 milion (£52.14 million). Pretax profit £3.15 million, compared with last year's forecast of not less than £3 million (£2.36 million for 1984).

• ROTORE: Total dividend 5.4p (4.5p). Turnover for 1985 £30.81 million (£29.84 million). Pretax profit £5.45 million. Pretax profit £5.45 million.

(£4.33 million). Earnings per share 13.4p (12.4p).

• VG INSTRUMENTS: Total dividend for 1985 2.5p — a 39 dividend for 1985 2.5p — a 39 dividend for 1985 2.5p — a 39 deep gave birth to a son. microcomputer market.

• VG INSTRUMENTS: Total dividend for 1985 2.5p - a 39 per cent increase. Turnover £66.08 million (£50.89 million). Pretax profit £14.31 million (£10.61 million). Orders received in 1985 were 22.5 per cent up at £79.6 million and, with orders in hand at a record £54 million, a significant expansion to turnover is expected this year.

o SOUTHBROOK INTERNATIONAL TELEVISION:
The company has acquired almost all the assets of the US film
syndication division of
Primetime Entertainment for
about \$10.3 million (£7 miltion). This consists of four
packages of films, a total of 53
titles, the related licence agreements and about \$7.2 million in
accounts receivable and cash.

SWIRE PACIFIC: Results
for 1985. Total dividend on A
shares 141 cents (126 cents) and
on B 28.2 cents (25.2 cents). Net
profit HK \$1.29 billion (£111

on B 28.2 cents (25.2 cents). Net prejudice in the matrimonial profit HK \$1.29 billion (£111 proceedings between the plainmillion), against HK \$954.4 million. Turnover HK \$13.7 billion (HK \$12 billion).

# Proving beneficial interest in home

Justice Nourse
[Judgment given March 24] An excuse made to a plaintiff cohabitee as to why her name was not being included on the title deeds of the house was sufficient evidence to establish a should have a beneficial interest

in the house.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Linda Ione Grant, from a decision of Judge Paul Baker, QC, sitting as a High Court judge on February 22, 1985 whereby he gave judgment for the defendant George Edwards and dismissed the plaintiff's claim for a beneficial interest in 96 Hewitt Road, Hornsey, Longe Lon 96 Hewitt Road, Hornsey, Lon-

Mr L.A.I. St Ville for the plaintiff, Mr David Schmitz for the defendant.

the defendant and conceived a child by him. On July 2, 1969 she gave birth to a son.

The judge found that although the previous relationship between the parties had been n casual one, with their son's birth it changed. They decided to live together on a more permanent basis.

The judge also took into account evidence by the defendant that he was thinking of buying a house to settle down

The judge also found that the

of replacing his brother with the plaintiff as joint owner when those proceedings were ended.

was no agreement "as such" between the plaintiff and defen-dant in pool their resources and he said that the case stood or fell on whether the plaintiff was able to show that she had contrib-

mortgage payments. mortgage payments.

The purchase price of the house was £5,490 of which £4,065 was raised on a first mortgage in favour of the Guardian Building Society and and £468 no a second mortgage in favour of Merton Abbey Finance Co Ltd.

The judge accepted that the plaintiff did pay some of the mortgage instalments as part of the general household expenses. but held that they were not substantial enough to give the plaintiff a beneficial interest in

In a case such as the present where there was no written declaration or agreement, nor any direct provision by the plaintiff of part of the purchase price so as to give rise to a resulting trust in her favour, she had to establish a common intention between her and the defendant, acted upon by her, interest in the property.

If she could do that, equity would not allow the defendant to deny that interest and would construct a trust to give effect to

The fundamental and invari-ably most difficult question was to decide whether a common intention could be inferred from the conduct of the parties and in that regard the court had to look for expenditure which was referable to the acquisition of the

There was another and rarer class of case where, although there had been no writing, the parties had orally declared themselves to such a way as to make their common intention

There the court did not have to look at conduct from which intention could be inferred, but only for conduct which ounted to an acting upon it by the claimant

Although that conduct could undoubtedly be the incurring of expenditure which was referable to the acquisition of the house, it need not necessarily be so.

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The more difficult question was whether there was conduct on her part which amounted to an acting upon that intention or, conduct on which she could not reasonably have been expected to embark unless she was to have an interest in the house.

The inevitable inference from the force was that the substantial the facts was that the substantial contribution made by the plaintiff out of her earnings to the housekeeping and the feeding and bringing up of the children enabled the defendant to pay the installment due on both green.

instalments due on both mort-gages out of his own income and he could not have done that if he had had to bear the whole of the other expenses as well.

other expenses as well.

The making of substantial indirect contributions to the mortgage instalments was sufficient to constitute conduct upon which she could not reasonably have been expected to embark unless she was to have a beneficial interest in the house.

THE VICE CHANCELLOR said that there had been a tendency over the years to distort the principles laid down by Lord Diplock in Gissing v Gissing ([1971] AC 886) by

Lord Diplock's speech could be treated as falling toto three sections, the first dealing with the nature of the substanove right, the second with the proof of the existence of that right and the third with the quantification

of the right.
Once it had been established that the parties had n common intention that both should have a beneficial interest and that the claimant had acted to his detriment, the question still re-mained as to what the extent of the beneficial interest should be and there the direct and indirect contributions made by the par-ties to the cost of acquisition

could be crucial. Contributions made by the claimant could be relevant for four different purposes: First, to the absence of direct

evidence of totention, as evidence from which the parties' intentions could be inferred. Second, as corroboration of ·Third, to show that the claimant had acted to his detriment. Fourth, to quantify the extent of the beneficial interest.

The first question was always whether there was sufficient intention. Such direct evidence

the contributions made to the cost of acquisition. It was only necessary to have recourse to inferences from other

circumstances.

The representation made by the defendant to the plaintiff that the house would have been in joint names but for the plaintiff's matrimonial dispute was clear evidence of a common intention that she was to have an interest in the house. Such

evidence was sufficient by itse-to establish the common intention. The plaintiff had also to prove that she had acted to her detriment in the reasonable belief that by so acting she was acquiring a beneficial interest and there had to be some "link" between the common intencon and the acts relied on as a

The plaintiff's contributions to the household expenses were essentially linked to the payment of the morteage instalment of the mortgage instal-ments by the defendant. Without the plaintiff's contribu-tions the defendant's means were insufficient to keep up the

payments.

Where the claimant had made payments which, whether directly or indirectly, had been used to discharge the mortgage instalments, that was a sufficient link between the detritotenoon.

In many cases of the present sort it was impossible to say whether or not the elaimant would have done the acts relied on as a detriment even if she thought she had no interest to

Setting up house together, having a baby, making payments to general housekeeping expenses (not strictly necessary to enable the mortgage to be paid) might all be referable to the mutual love and affecting of the contract of the contract of the setting of the s the parties and not specifically referable to expectation of an

interest in the bouse. Once it had been shown that there was a common totention an interest in the house, any act done by her to her detrir relating to the joint lives of the parties was sufficient detriment

to qualify.

Taking the facts of the case into account the plaintiff was entitled to a half interest io the

Lord Justice Mustill delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Livingston Solomon; Singh Karran & Co, Southall,

irrespective of long term pros

They said therefore that they had entered toto a hard and inequitable agreement and had

put their homes at risk for an

The bank's case seemed very strong, but the evidence before

macy judgment because it was

not possible to say that a trial court would not say that the

bank had taken nnfair

advantage.

A question also arose as to the

date at which the nature of the

at. The bank contended that it was the date of the transaction

and the defendants contended that it was the date of the result.

court must look at the terms of

the transaction and at what

happened or might have hap-pened it was a mixed questino

of fact and law and a question of

Order 14 proceedings could be a good friend to litigants but

could also be a terrible dis-appointment. There were too

many very good cases which failed, if only just, under that procedure, where it would have

been better to go to trial and get a decision on the merits.

illusory advantage.

# Shadowy defence for guarantors

Midland Bank plc v Phillips

and Others Before Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson [Judgment given March 14]
On a summons issued by a bank under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court in enforcement of a guarantee, the guarantors' evidence that at the time the guarantee was given they had misunderstood the bank's intentions as to enforcing the guarantee was capable of giving tise to a defence, albeit a shadowy one, even though they

knew what was meant by signing

withstanding absence of fault on the part of the bank.

The Court of Appeal dis-missed an appeal by the Mid-land Bank ple from a decision of Mr Justice Nolan who on May 13, 1985 allowed an appeal against an order dated February against an order dated February
20, 1985 of Master Warren and
granted the defendants Graham
Phillips, Phyllis Eugenia Phillips, Samson Bellingham and
Pauline Dorothy Bellingham,
leave to defend conditionally
opon payment into court of
£15,000 within 30 days.
The defendants entered ioto
senarate written guarantee

separate written guarantee agreements whereby in consid-eration of the bank making or continuing advances or other-wise giving credit and banking facilities to Grasam Engineering Ltd, the defendants jointly and severally guaranteed the pay-ment to the bank of moneys owing from the company to the extent of £25,000.

Mr John Tonna for the bank; Mr Clive Hugh Jones for the

LORD JUSTICE RALPH

company which started trading in 1969. The company banked with and were granted overdraft facilities by the Great Bridge branch of the bank. In 1981 a series of letters was

written by the bank manager to the directors expressing the bank's concern at the level of guarantee support for the

The bank required guarantees at a level acceptable to the bank and evidence of the future viability of the company, and said that inability to comply would lead to a reduction of the The directors were told that the bank would be satisfied if

their wives, the second and fourth defendants, joined to the guarantees on the security of the family houses. On September 11, 1981 the

On September 11, 1981 the wives signed the guarantee forms. Before the signing there was a long meeting at which the precarious financial position of the company was discussed and the defendants were told that they should be fully aware of the extent of the risk taken.

The history of the relationship after that was short. The eompany's trading figures showed large losses. The bank stressed that it would not countenance an overdraft in excess of £90,000 By the end of 1981 £121,000

was required for the company's continued viability, and the bank's regional head office re-fused to continue support. The directors were informed

and in February 1982 a receiver was appointed. The bank made claims under the guarantees but

nothing was paid.

The basis of the defence was that the defendants' relacionship with the bank manager was such

that they grew to like and trust him and rely on his advice; that he had never suggested that the company might fail, and indeed conveyed the impression that it would not do so and that it was with that io mind that the defendants had agreed to exe-cute the guarantees.

They further said that the manager had tendered no advice as to whether or not they should sign the agreement and whether the company had a long term Mr Justice Nolan had said

that no one could have expected indefinite support from the bank but said that be could not exclude the possibility of some misunderstanding without fault on the bank manager's part, bearing in mind that the interval between the guarantee and putting in a receiver was relatively short, and that during the toterval the defendants were persuaded by the bank to charge their bouses. He said therefore

that there could be a shadowy The bank contended that the defendants had failed to prove a prima facie case of manifest disadvantage within the meaning of National Westminster Bank pic v Morgan (1985) 2 WLR 588), that they had asked for and got continued support from the bank and that was reliable to them.

valuable to them. The defendants contended that they suffered a manifest and unfair disadvantage in that the wives' homes which were beyond the reach of commercial

beyond the reach of commercial creditors were put at risk to obtain condinuing support and that there was no warning that the bank might in the near future withdraw support if the company did not come up to a certain standard of profitability

LORD JUSTICE SLADE, agreeing, said that it was a borderline case. The defendants' case was shadowy, but they had established an arguable defence.
The defendants on executing the guarantees had assumed new contingent liabilities for future financial commitment. The bank had assumed no new obligations at all.

Solicitors: Mcredith Robinson & Co; Wilde & Partners for Gordon W. Quance, West Bromwich.

# Rates benefit for linked building

Ralph Gibson
[Judgment given March 25]
A building which was fixed to
n "listed building", as defined
by section 54(9) of the Town
and Country Planning Act 1971,
was, under paragraph 2(e) of
Schedule 1 to the General Rate Act 1967, exempted from rates The Court of Appeal, in a

reserved judgment, dismissed an appeal by Westminster City Council from the reversal by Mr Justice Hodgson of a decision by the Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr John Quentin Campbell) that the "fixed" building, owned by Debenhams plc, was not included in a list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest.
Mr Graham Eyre, QC and Mr
Richard Hone for the council;

LORD JUSTICE FOX said the council had appealed to the judge by way of case stated from

Mr Mntthew Horton for

Debenhams plc v Westminster
City Council

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord
Justice Neill and Lord Justice
Ralph Gibson
[Judgment given March 25]
A building which was fixed to during which a hereditament owned by Debenhams was unoccupied.

The hereditament consisted

of three premises: 200/202 Regent Street, 50/52 Kingly Street and 27/28 Kingly Street. Kingly Street was more or less parallel

Street was more or less parallel with Regent Street.

Numbers 50/52, which were on the west side of Kingly Street, formed the back of 200/202 Regent Street. Numbers 27/28 on the east side of Kingly Street were connected to 50/52 by a footbridge and a tunnel.

Paragraph 2 of Schedule I (as amended by Schedule 23 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1971) provided: "No rates shall be payable... in respect of a hereditament for ... any period during which ... (e) the period during which . . . . (e) the hereditament is . . . included in n list compiled or approved under section 54 . . . ".

Numbers 200/202 were at all

material times included to the list compiled by the Secretary of State for the Environment. The council claimed rates in respect of the entire premises for the period in question. They contended that the hereditament consisting of the premises was not included to the list; only

was not included to the list; only part of it was.

On that basis they said that the case did not come within paragraph 2(c), relying on Providence Properties Ltd v Liverpool City Council ([1980] RA 189).
Section 54(9) of the 1971 Act had not been referred to in that case. That provided that for the purposes of the provisions relating to listed buildings "any object or structure fixed to n building... shall be treated as part of the building."

Numbers 27/28 constituted a

Numbers 27/28 constituted a "structure" which was "fixed" to the remainder of the heredita-

ment. Accordingly, the whole of the bereditament was within the exemption in paragraph 2(e). Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson agreed. Solicitors: Mr T. F. Neville;

#### Drug smuggling is extraditable The Queen's Beach Di-

In re Chotipanang

Section 170(2)(b) of the Cus-toms and Excise Management Act 1979, which created the offence of the fraudulent evaoffence of the traumient eva-sion of any prohibitino in respect of goods, created an offence which was extraditable where the prohibited goods were controlled drugs prohibited by section 3 of the Misuse of Drugs The prohibition created by

section 3 of the 1971 Act was expressly built into section 170 of the 1979 Act because the penalties imposed were greatly increased by subsections (3) and (4) of section 170; thus, the offence would be one in respect of "any enactment for the time being in force relating to danbeing in force relating to dangerous drugs" and so included in the list of crimes in Schedule 1 of the Extradition Act 1870 (section 33 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971).

visional Court (Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Mr Justice Mann) so held on March 25 when it dismissed the application for n writ of habeus corpus of Thana Chotipanang directed to the governor of Pentonville Prison and against the order of the Bow Street Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, dated December 11, 1985, committing the applicant to prison pending his removal to Sweden.

#### Direction to jury on issue of intent

The direction to be given to a jury on the issue of intent was clarified by the Court of Appeal (Lord Lanc, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Boreham and Mr Justice Taylor) on March 11 when granting an application out of time but refusing an application for leave to appeal

application for leave to appeal against convicting following a

plea of guilty on in Lewes Crown Court (Mr Justice Pain and a jury) to causing grievous bodily harm with intent. The application was made on the ground that the plea was based on a passage in Archbold Criminal Pleading Evidence & Practice, 40th edition (1979), para 144la, p948, which was disapproved in R v Moloney

([1985] 1 AC 9O5, 925). The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the sort of direction which the trial judge would given if be had had the opportunity, which he had not, of seeing what Lord Bridge had said in Moloney and what Lord Scarman suggested in R v Han-cock and Shankland (The Times March 3; [1986] 2 WLR 357) would have been:

"You must feel sure that the defendant intended to cause serious bodily harm to the victim. You can only decide what his intention was by considering all the relevant circumstances and in particular what he did and what he said

aboul it." If such a direction had been given, the jury would have arrived at the same result which

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# A SPECIAL REPORT ON THE AIRLINE BUSINESS/1

# The sky-high stakes in a

small world

Increasing traffic and lower costs in fuel should enable airlines to move into profit. But essential capital spending and pressure to reduce fares threatens this

The world airline industry has moved out of the economic turbulence through which it flew in the early years of this decade, and which produced five straight years of losses totalling \$6.2 billion (about £4.1 billion).

But, it is far from being back to the rosy days of the early 1970s, when traffic rose consistently by 10 per cent every year and everybody made enough mnney to finance the purchase of fleets of new

According to estimates by the International Air Transport Association, the industry will do little better than break even this year (after having recorded an after-interest profit of \$500 millioo on international scheduled services in 1985).

It could even return to the red, although the continuing decline of oil prices should revise these estimates in the airlines' favour,

In the meantime, traffic is increasing at a reasonable rate, although the large majority of it is at the cheap end of the market, from which the airlines make only marginal profits and in some cases even

The iodustry continues to sharpen its productivity, hold its costs in check and iotroduce the absolute minimum of new capacity to cope with

tacil agreement between air-lines in the last-mentioned area is breaking down, particularly nn the routes across the North Atlantic. European airlines complain that United States carriers are starting to flood the market with seats.

It is these fears that have led the British government to postpone yet again the date for the privatization of British Airways, to the chagrin of Lord King, chairman of the

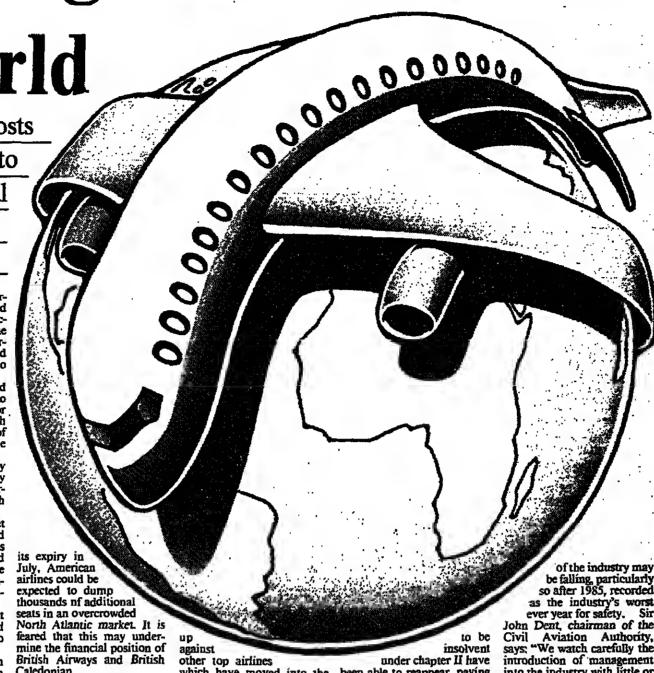
Lord King has successfully prepared BA for flotation by turning it around from a nearbankrupt state to one in which it is highly-profitable. Prime Minister Margaret

Thatcher has assured Lord King that the Government is determined to press ahead with privatization within the lifetime of the present administration, but no new timetable has been set.

ldeas for a management huy-out of the airline, floated by its advisers, have been

Government hesitation over privatization hinges on the difficulty of writing a prospectus against the background of uncertainties contained in the renegotiation of the Bermuda 2 air services agreement betweeo Britain and the US.

Annexe 2 of this agreement cootrols the volume of traffic which both sides can mount, and if not renewed before



The Government in Lonwhich have been sharpened by

deregulation.

don is also keen to have a revision, within the Bermuda 2 protocol, of the situation in which British airlines flying into the US are subject to American anti-trust laws.

A lean and dynamic privatized British Airways would be a powerful force within the world airline iodustry. BA is

which have moved into the been able to reappear, paying private sector and companies lower wages to non-unionized labour. Pilots on oewer operators help load baggage, while cabin staff check in passengers

Deregulation in the US has altered the entire face of the fore the flight. airline sector, producing a The traditional pattern of wave of massive takeovers and new groupings and a succession of filings under the bankruptcy laws.

the industry is changing, with experienced staff leaving under redundancy schemes. This in turn is raising fears that the engineering standards Some which have declared

as the industry's worst ever year for safety. Sir John Dent, chairman of the Aviation Authority, "We watch carefully the introduction of management into the industry with little or no airline experience, and monitor the financial pressures on airline companies.

There is the risk that loyal, but misguided staff of airlines in financial difficulties may cut corners oo safety. This is intensifying an important di-mension of safety regulation."

# Join the jet set to fly past the jams

at airports or on airline flights. grow, more businesses are looking at the possibility of flying their employees on their own aircraft or on aircraft operated for them.A further way of by-passing the airlines is to hire air taxis.

Sixty aviation companies offer air-taxi services in Britain, all members of the Air Transport Operators

Corporate aircraft are getting bigger, with longer range, and a number of ex-zirliners are being converted for this type of operation. The Saudi royal family has its own Boeing 747 jumbo and the Boeing company says that about 100 of its airliners of various types are in use as business jets around the

The British BAC 1-I1 airliner is taking on a new lease of life as a corporate aircraft re-engined with the new Rolls-Royce Tay powerplant. The Tay is also the engine chosen for the new American Guifstream IV business

At the same time, the smaller executive aircraft remains popular. British Acrospace has now sold over 600 of its 125 seven-seater iet, a large proportion of them to companies in the United States, where some 70 per cent of the

As airports' congestion in-leading 500 industrial compa- in creases, and fears of terrorism mes listed by Fortune imagezige operate their own aircraft

of various types.
The sophisticated, twin-engine helicopter is gaining popplanity rapidly as an executive aircraft, with its ability to land safely at or very near sites to be visited by the peripatetic

Costing the avoidance of airline schedules through the use of a company's own plane is not easy, involving as it must a valuation of executive time. Chartering an eight seat Citation jet from London to Frankfurt and back costs about £2,600, and a Lear 35 jet with similar capacity between Manchester and Milan and back £5,900.

aircraft can leave at what time, and from which surport, the charterers want, and can complete in one day schedules that could take two by the airlines. This saves expensive overnight hotel accommodation.

seers have to be paid for. whether they are occupied or not. In Britain it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain take-off times at the peak hours at Heathrow and Garwick airports.

Long-term pressure by various aviation bodies to obtain a true executive aviation airport to serve the entire London



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Shaping up to the future: Model of HOTOL, British Aerospace's proposal for a cheaper alternative to the space shuttle; and Concorde, a technological triumph that will soon be out of date

# Cargo moves into executive class

industry has undergone a major change over the past few years, hrought about by several diverse

For many years air-cargo rates had been set by Iata, as had passenger fares, but the entry into the world market nf several nonlata airlines, operating on low budgets, heralded a virtual freefor-all in the struggle to maintain market share.

A new professionalism is evi-dent in the air-cargo industry. Geoff Bridges, cargo manager of British Airways, said: "Air cargo has moved out of the boiler-suit image into the pin-stripe suit.

It reflects the attitude of the major airlines like BA, who are spending £7 million on upgrading their cargo-handling facilities at Heathrow, close to the new termi-

British Caledooian is also looking at a similar system for its Gatwick cargo base to handle this year's expected £90 million worth of air-freight. More than half of this is destioed to travel on the North Atlantic route, the busiest stretch of sky in the world.

The over-capacity on the North Atlantic, particularly to the Eastern Seaboard, has oot deterred the 'one-route" operators. Laker, although heavily invalved in holitlay charter-traffic, concentrated his scheduled service to the States. Richard Branson's Virgio Atlantic is different, It sees freight as à definite part of the airline's operation. Selling at a price lower than the published rates of the lata carriers. Virgin is aiming at the smaller consignments, up to about 100 kilos.

The introduction of the widebodied jet with its huge belly-hold capacity has revolutionalized the

# are becoming an endangered species, though there are still the

specialists around like Cargolux, operating twn 747F freighters which regularly fly 100 tonnes of freight out of Luxembourg. Cargolux survives because it

specializes in particular routes on a scheduled basis. These changes, and the shorter life-cycle of many goods together with the high cost of keeping large

stocks, has led to the "just-intime" inventory control method. Air-freight, with its rapid transit times across the globe, benefits enormously. Another major influence has

been the advent of the express parcel and courier companies, such as DHL, Skypak and Emery. Emery, io fact, started the "express" concept in the States more than 15 years ago. It estimates the worldwide air courier/air cargo markets at around \$19 billion, with 55 per cent of that being traditional air-

cargo movements Electronic mail and facsimile transmissions are reducing the number of documents travelling the world, but the small package market is growing fast.

Today it is speed on the ground that separates the men from the boys. Express Customs clearance for air-freight consignments is essential, as is the door-to-door service. It is, perhaps, the freight forwarders who will suffer.

Those that have seen the writing on the wall are cashing in now. Others will follow, but the aircargo industry looks set for a comfortable cruise well into the next century.

Peter D. Smith

# Smoother service at hi-tech airport

Terminal four at Heathrow airport, London, built by the British Airports Authority at a cost of £200 million to handle a total nf eight million passengers a year, is due to open early in April. The construction is symptomatic of a trend in airport development which may be seen throughout the world.

That is, to squeeze the last square yard of space, and the last nunce of productivity out of existing airports, rather than build new ones on "green-field" sites, the trend during the 1960s and

Rising costs of construction, dwiodling suitable sites, and a swelling world-wide environmental movement has forced the former option on the airport operators and the airlines which use them. This has resulted in a quickening of the pace of developmeet of airport automation so space in both the air and on the

Radar control: A Plessey air traffic control system

installed at Vienna airport for less congestion

groood can be used more efficiently. Many existing airport terminals were built in an aviation era before that of the wide-bodied airliners, when a plane-load of 180 passengers was considered large. These are oow having to undergo can siderable and expensive

When British Airways moves its long-distance services to terminal four next month, terminal three is to be virtually gutted and reconstructed. Plans are also advanced for John F. Kennedy, New York, to have billions of dollars spent on

Airliners such as the Boeing 747 and the McDonnell Douglas DCwhich are now entering airlines' inventories with longer ranges, may result in some airports fading from the prominence which they have enjoyed. Rather than fly the polar route, stopping for refuelling at Anchorage, an

iocreasing oumber of airlines, Finnair, Air France, Japan Air Lines, now fly non-stop between Europe and Tokyo. This cuts six hours off the journey. British Caledonian plans to follow suit in 1987, and many others are eyeing the route across Siberia.

If this trend continues, will Anchorage, developed at a cost of millions of dollars become a ghost airport, rather as happened to Shannon, Ireland, and Gander, Newfnundland, when airliner range took annther quantum

From the passengers point of view, the trend is encouraging. Not only does it get him or her to their destination more quickly and less-tiringly, hut the less chance there is for flights to be interfered with hy terrorists.

Terrorism and the threat of terrorism continues to place an increasing hurden oo airlines and airport operators in staff and equipment costs. It also reduces the extent to which airport premises can be used. Once again: the crisis is producing appropriate

At both Gatwick and Stansted oow given the green light by Government to be developed as the third airport for London, no new runways are to be huilt. This is opinion and the aviation industry is having to learn how to pour a quart of airliners into a pint pot of

Fortunately, the micro-chip arrived just at the right time to assist in a solution. It is to be found io the on-board computers which fly the airliners with unerring accuracy down the glideslopes and on to the runways, and in the radar centres which monitor and instruct the pilots and their hightechnology aids.

As anybody who has been aboard a flight leaving Heathrow at I lam will have noticed, there is

usually a traffic jam at peak times, with precious aviation fuel being burned on the ground as up to a dozen airliners jockey for places in the take-off queue. Peak "slots" at most major

airports around the world are now fully booked from one year to the next. Operators are pushed to take up take-off and landing times at unfashionable hours when their customers do not want to fly. And as many airports have noise curfews, with a ban on take-offs between late evening and dawn, the total of slots is not infinite.

When they run out of space at Heathrow and Gatwick, the airlines will be forced to move some their services to Stansted. Schipol, Amsterdam, with plenty of spare room, continues to air its aspiration to be "London's third airport".

Many will buy daty-free goods

taxiways is not the only limiting factor at airports. Overloading of the terminal buildings with pasers and their luggage, and of the infrastructure around them the roads and rail links which connect them to the communities they serve — can be equally inhibiting.

Consideration is being given by airport planners to the wisdom of

Congestion on the runways and

the traditional practice of calling engers to airports hours before their flights and then have them sitting around the terminal buildings awaiting the departure call. During that time, most of them

will spend money on duty-free and tax-free goods. The British Air-ports Authority makes half of its income from commercial sources - but would it not be better to use the expensive airport buildings

more efficiently, even if duty-free profits declined? Britain's airports are to be privatized, and it will be interesting to see what line their highly-competitive new owners adopt io this debate.

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Terminal four at Heathrow is a brave experiment in speeding up oumbers passing through the airport. locoming and outgoing streams of passengers are completely segregated, while all of those leaving from the terminal's 18 departure points will mingle in one vast lounge, rather than being shepherded into a series of separate and smaller lounges.

There are questions which can only be answered once the terminal is in full use. Will passengers oo the concourse, which is half a mile long, become so confused that some of them will miss their flight? Will the fact that the oew terminal is oo the south side of the airport, while the three existing terminals are in the central area, result in some passengers going to the wrong terminal? And will airliners taxi-ing from terminal four to the runways slow down the finely-hooed take-off and landing patterns?

Lessons learned at terminal four could be applied eventually to Heathrow's ultimate terminal, oumber 5. British Airways wants to see it built between the main runways at the western end of the airport on a Thames Water Authority sewage farm.

If the full economic potential of the maio Londoo airport, and the foremost aviation crossroads in the world is to be achieved, terminal five will probably happen. But there is a vociferous environmental lobby to be overcome and a new home to be found for millions of toos of sludge, first. This debate will cootinue for some

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# The crippling costs of flying on

Making marginal profits, or no profit at all, the industry is in grave difficulty io financing the purchase of the airliners which it needs to replace its ageing fleets. The International Air Transport Association estimates that, de-pending on the rate of traffic growth, airlines will need to invest between \$150 billion and \$200 billioo in aircraft, spare parts and other fixed assets over the next 10

To meet the normal criteria of lenders and investors, the industry will have to earn an average operating profit, before interest, of 10.5 per cent. Past performance varies widely between airlines, but the overall industry level of profitability has fallen far short of

this for many years. While a few airlines have been able to keep their fleets up to date, other fleets have become older and more expensive to maintain inevitable cracks appear in the airframes and systems become outmoded.

Operators are also under in creasing pressure to pension off their older fleets by the new series of noise regulations which are gradually being introduced — in the US last year and in Britain at the beginning of this year. They will be introduced progressively

But one small British all-cargo airline, unable to bear the cost of upgrading the engines of its aircraft, has already met its demise. If it could only afford to buy the new neration of airliners, which offer highly-attractive savings oo direct operating costs. They are made of lighter materials and incorporate the latest aviation electronics, enabling them to be flown more efficiently and accurately, with

fewer flight crew.

Manufacturers are offering twin-engine airliners, such as the Boeing 767 and the Airbus A310, which are able to fly long distances over water. Airbus is planning the A330, which could fly non-stop between London and Los Angeles. carrying 350 passengers.

But although a few airlines are already operating twin-engine aircraft over water while keeping in case an engine fails, the aviation authorities on both sides of the Atlantic are still not fully convinced of the safety of what is known io the industry as Etops

(extended twio operations).
Whether the US Federal Aviation Administration and Britain's Civil Aviation Anthority eventually give complete freedom for this type of operation depends on the record that current flights build up While technological advances hold considerable hope of lower costs, such reductions have to be balanced against the prospects of

oumerous increases in outgoings. Airlines continue to find great difficulty in unlocking the funds which they have earned to a number of foreign countries, particularly io parts of Africa and the Middle East. Recent estimates put

> Terrorism costs aviation dear

the amount of such blocked currencies at \$850 million — this after the industry managed to getback \$450 million during 1985. Insurance premiums have risen steeply, to such an extent that the airlines are planning to bear a growing part of the risk among mselves. Airlines in the Third World complain bitterly that the premiums they are asked to pay are up to several hundred per cent. higher than those in developed countries, even though their safety

records are no worse and they

operate wide-bodied jets. Airlines are plagued by landing and parking fees at airports, and for flying through other nations' airspace - the en route charges. And, procedures such as tortuous courses around defence zones and other prohibited areas cost them millions of dollars each year, particularly in Europe where such areas proliferate. The International Air Transport Association is engaged in talks with governments on this subject, and has succeeded in having some tracks straightened.

loternational civil aviation is

also prey to political action of many kinds. Providing security against terrorist attacks is expensive, and the possibility of such attacks reduces the overall number of people who are prepared to

In the back of every airline president's mind is the worry of fuel prices. The two massive fuel crises of the 1970s destroyed the industry's traditional economic framework, and set off a search for an alternative fuel to kerosene. notably hydrogen. Little is heard of such research today with the price of kerosene below one dollar a gallon. Efforts to reduce fuel costs are now concentrated oo finding more efficient ways of burning it — for example, the development of jet engines like the five-nation V2500, the US-French CFM-56-5, and the British Tay for

the short-term. Airliners will undoubtedly become cheaper to operate after the initial investment. The trend in design for the future seems to be away from airliners becoming larger. The prospects of an 800-

have now receded. Such aircraft. would result in a redesign of the facilities at many airports, al-though the new Terminal Four at Heathrow has been built with several stands able to take bigger jumbo jets carrying up to twice the

oormal load of passengers.

The aircraft manufacturers see the biggest market for the remain-der of this century being in the 150-seater sector, where there are several thousand airliners currently io service, but due for eventual replacement. And beyond the year 2000? Most of the major aerospace companies are looking at supersonic. hypersonic, even sub-orbital projects, even though the cost of such projects would he prohibitive.

Britain could be within reach of Australia in a little over an hour for air passengers by the year 2010. Air travel, it seems, may not become more comfortable, or even a lot cheaper, but it will almost certainly be faster than

To buy new airliner types full of partially-tried advanced technol-ogy or to stick to well-known but apdated versions? The great dees in the boardrooms bate continu of the world's airlines. Some have made their decision, many more

Differing attitudes to the debate have been adopted by the manu-facturers in the US and Europe. In America, Boeing and McDo glas have chosen to modernize the airliners they first launched in the 1970s by fitting new cockpit systems and engines.

The European Airbus Industrie consortium, with its French, West German, British and Spa partners, has chosen new technology. Al's 150-seater A320, due to fly next year, will have computers: sending commands to the movie surfaces on the wings. Pilots will fly it using sidesticks the size of gear levers, rather than the tradi-

tional control columns.

Al's next project, the twin-engine A330 and the four-engine A340, both with the same wing and fuselage, will take this advanced technology further — competition for Boeing's latest 747 jumbo, the

400 series.

The US company is giving the

# To buy or not to buy, that is the question

747-400 even longer range and a flight deck on which electroical instruments are replaced by computer-driven information, displayed on coloured cathode-ray tubes. The cancellation of the flight-engineer's station and a cockpit of two will save

ousiderable operating costs.
The operators' view is that such competition must keep the price of new airliners, already exceeding \$100 million for a large-capacity, long-range machine, within rea-sonable bounds. And the new technology generated will also aid profitability. The battle for sales is flerce,

with both sides claiming that the other obtains financial advantages for its products from government. Airbus alleges Boeing does not pay Airbus alleges Boeing does not pay all the taxes that it should, while utilizing some of the development funds it receives from the US government for military projects in

its civil programmes. its civil programmes.

Boeing suggests that the Airbus consortium obtains help from the governments which back it through soft loans, and asks why the company does not publish detailed annual accounts.

While the debate goes on, a new form of propulsion, the unducted fan, a jet engine driving a propeller is being developed. Unlike earlier prop-fans, it is able to produce speeds through the air similar to those obtained by jets.

Research into the unducted fan, which promises to save airlines up to 30 per cent in fuel costs, was prompted by successive fuel crises, fuel being the largest financial outgoing for many airlines. The current decline in fuel prices has not lessened airlines' interest in unducted fans, for the industry nducted fans, for the industry believes that the long-term trend

see fael prices rise.

Jet engine manufacturers RellsRoyce, Pratt & Whitney and
General Electric are studying unducted fans intensely. But there are many problems to be solved, notably noise, vibration and blade containment should an engine

suffer a failure or be struck by a large bird during flight. Boeing has a project, coded the 7J7, for a 150-seater airliner for the future which would use unducted fans. Airbus contends that the economic advantages of such a propulsion system over the jets of its A320 would be marginal - but it would consider fitting unducted fans to the A320 if the advantages prove to be

Boeing recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Japan to co-develop the 7J7 should a decision be made to proceed with it. This extends the practice for aerospace companies to share the high costs of the

Efficiency will be paramount

All aerospace companies are investing considerable sums in computerized design and construction methods, in particular the development of advanced aviation electronics and the use of carbon fibre and other composites to replace traditional metals. While register traditions; meetals. White electronic signalling, or "fly-by-wire", between pliot and the flaps and allerons of an airliner is already here, it will soon be superseded by "fly-by-light", with lasers conveying the instructions.

Most new airliners have significant sections made of composites in a few cases, the entire fail

section. Carbon fibre engine cowlings wing flaps, and under-carriage doors are commonplace. But the steel industry is fighting the erosion of its old markets with the development of new metals and new ways of working and "stretching" them, such as super-

plastic forming.

In the coming generations of airliners, lightness, high strength, and efficiency of operation will be paramount as airlines search for transcentage in their seasonics. provements in their economics. and in their record of safety. AR



Future flyer: Boeing's 767-200 will be used for economic long-distance flights over water

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Deregulation, the system un-der which the old framework of licensing airlines was swept away, leaving them free to fly between whichever points they like charging highly-com-petitive fares, has had a fundamental impact on the airline industry in the United States. It is also set to spread to other parts of the world.

In Europe the trend is known as liberalization, but resistance is proving strong, particularly among some of the airlines owned and controlled by governments.

Liberalization has split Europe into two airline camps, those who want the traditional, tightly-cootrolled system of fares and routes unravelled and replaced with a "free-forall", and those who cling to slow move towards some ele-

ment of greater freedom.

The arguments have divided the 20-strong Association of European Airlines. Among those which have taken up a strong pro-liberalization stance are British Airways, British Caledonian, and the Dutch airline KLM. Those adopting a more-cautious approach include Air France, Lufthansa, and Alitalia.

The latter group cites the experience of deregulation in the United States when they urge caution, pointing out that in the US there has been a wave of airline failures and amalgamations.

Perhaps the most forceful among the group of countries seeking liberalization in Eu-rope has been Britain. During the past two years, it has struck agreements, or partial agreements, on looser civil aviation frameworks with Holland, Luxembourg, Italy, and West Germany.

Talks are also proceeding with France, Scandinavia, and Ireland. The agreement with the Dutch is the most far-reaching. It gives freedom for airlines on either side of the Channel to open up new services to the other country without lengthy licensing

procedures.
As a result, traffic between Britaio and Holland increased by 50,000 during the first 12 months that the agreement was in force, and there were

Channel poses serious threat

also some fares bargains on what had been a high-fare This situation may also be

observed on the North Atlantic, where 40 airlines, North American, European, and those countries which fly through Europe, scramble for traffic. Traffic between Britain and the US is controlled by the Bermuda 2 air services agreement. Annexe 2 of that accord regulates the number of services which each side can

But annexe 2 is due to expire this June, and the British Government fears and a reason why it has postponed the privatization of British Airways yet agaio that without such an agree-ment, the US airlines will "swamp" the North Atlantic routes with seats, resulting in financial disaster for both-BA

aod British Caledonian. Over-capacity is already the case on routes from the Unit-

# The frantic fight for the freedom of the skies



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The continued in-fighting

within the civil aviation in-dustry and between govern-ments which finance it, is

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Across the North Atlantic.

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ed States to Europe. As a result London and such destinations of agreements signed soon after the Second World War, US airlines have traffic rights to fly to most points in Europe, but European airlines have far fewer rights into the

The European airlines com-plain that their US counter-parts are able to mount uneconomic services into Europe. These are heavily subsidized by their domestic services inside the US which, for many of them, constitutes 95 per cent of their business, while European airlines have to rely on the Atlantic for up to one-third of their income.

The Europeans also argue it is unfair to compare the airline competition situation inside the US with Europe. They say they exist under pressure from highly-developed motorway and railway systems, and cheap charter airlines carrying bolidaymakers to the Mediterranean.

In France, the government is pouring billions of francs into the development of the TGV high-speed rail network. board. whose services are cutting into the traffic of the main domes-

Channel in the early 1990s productive, as they use the routes, also has serious implications, time during the flight to work

and regional airlines, particu-larly in the United States. These are moving in oo routes which have been abandoned by the larger carriers. A system of "hub-and-

Deregulation and liberaliza-

tioo are also spawning large oumbers of smaller commuter

spoke" operations is growing up in America, with the newcomers feeding passengers in from outlying areas to large transfer to long-distance domestic, or ioteroational

So vital has this systèm become to the business of the major US carriers that several of them have established their own subsidiary companies, operating 20-30-seater turbotheir main lines.

A new breed of commuter airlines is also emerging in Europe, encouraged by the

An example is NetherLines, a Dutch company based in Rotterdam, and operating out of Schipol Airport, Amster-dam, to 10 cities in Holland, West Germany, France, and Austria. NotherLines was started only in January last year, but it already has six 18seater British Aerospace Jetstream 31 airliners in its fleet, and expects to carry around 100,000 passengers this year.

Birmingham Executive Airways started from a base at Birmingham Airport in the British industrial Midlands after British Airways pulled off several routes from that city because the places which British Airways operated were too large to make a profit from the small amount of traffic on

BEA also flics Jetstream 31s, and now links Birming-ham with a small network of European business centres. including Copenhagen and Milan, offering a high-class iffflight service at fares equiva-lent to those charged in club

class by the major airlines.
All European airlines are waiting to see what impact the London City short take-off and landing airport will have on their services when it opens late in 1987.

London City is being devel-

Potential for City airport oped by the construction com-

pany John Mowlem in the derelict Royal group of docks, six miles, or a 20-minute taxi journey, to the east of the City of London. The airport should handle up to one well-a handle up to one million passengers a year wheo fully operational.

Brymon Airways, the Plymonth-based regional airline, is likely to be the first operator into the airport. It is the only British airline which flies the de Havilland of Canada Dash 7 airliner, a 50-seater which can operate economically into and out of the new airport's 2,500 ft runway.

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# Distributors taking over

By Derek Harris

Distribution businesses have overtaken manufacturers as the fastest-growing business sector among private companies according to the latest Growth Companies Register, out this week. The register identifies the 1,000 fastest expanding private businesses by researching the database of the ICC Information Group covering

80,000 companies. Just over half those on the register were wholesale, retail or service companies compared with

411 a year ago. Manufacturers have dropped from 589 last year to 497. The top 1,000 increased their profits by an average 130 per

In construction and civil engineering there was an average profil growth of 192 per cent, while the growth rate in motor vehicles and transport averaged 174 per cent. Computer service company profits grew by an average 165 per cent. Last year's profit growth of 256 per cent in metal goods and engineering has

been slashed to 13! per cent. Advertising and public relations showed the highest return on capital with 58 per cent. Average profits growth in the

sector was 149 per cent. The register showed 146 companies which more than trebled their profits. There were 411 companies which more than doubled them.

Contact: Growth Companies Register, Growth Data Services, 80 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1DD; £95.

#### John has brought high fashion Revenue are time-wasters to the country smart set

Provincial dressmakers do not normally rank high in the eyes of the fashion world - so John Bowen, of Malmesbury in Wiltshire, is an exception. Particular ly as his clients include a couple of duchesses and a countess. He started his business 12 years ago after graduating from Gloucestershire College of Art and Design and serving an apprenticeship with a London fashion house. Ignoring the warnings of friends and colleagues that he could not succeed out of town, he returned to his native Malmesbury and set up with the barest of assets: sewing machine and a good pair of scissors.

He began to design and make wedding dresses for local girls and soon gained a reputation for special occasion clothes. The county set discovered him and now flock to him - so much so that at one London gathering nine Bowen ballgowns were counted.

Why do women who could afford any designer in the country go to the Bowen

The Duchess of Beanfort said: "It's terribly handy coming here as I live just down the road at Badminton House. I used to get my everyday things from Marks and Spencer and go to Behinda Belville for special clothes. But why go to town when I can get what I want here?
I prefer simple styles and plain rather than patterned material."

Mr Bowen asked fhe duchess which jewellery she intended to wear to a forthcoming ball- because he likes to design a gown around important gems rather than adding them as an afterthought. She said she would "make do" with costume jewellery as she hated

#### Go West if you need know-how

Business ventures and self-employment are under the microscope at the new Bristol and West Job Change Project (JCP), writes Salty Watts. It is based at the premises of the local enterprise agency, so advice and information on issues, allowances and business courses are easily accessible.



John Bowen: Picnics are a perk

getting the "good stuff" out of the bank. Mrs A Tufinell, who lives in Gloucestershire and is married to a colonel in the Queen's Bodyguard, is a regular visitor to the Malmesbury salon with her four daughters. She said: "I love coming here. John is a very talented

Most clients are not looking for high fashion, but fairly traditional clothes, made of superb materials used imaginatively, according to Mr Bowen.

At 37 he rates himself a financial

success. He is not prepared to disclose his annual turnover but will say that it

increased by 50 per cent in the last year.

In common with all fashion husinesses he has his highs and lows in trading. During Christmas, Ascot and wedding time he often works through the night, hut in high summer the workload is lighter and he can go for a picnic in nearhy fields. That, he regards, is one of the perks of the provincial dressmaker.

are mainly professionals and executives over 45, so most of us are interested in self-employment." JCP, which has links with Bristol Polytechnic, draws its members, largely by word of mouth, from a 40-mile radius, including Swindon and Marlborough. The project is at Bristol and Avon Enterprise Agency, Canon's Road, Bristol BSI 5UH; tel.

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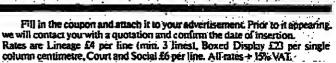
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In Europe, Mercedes-Benz started investigating the sys-tem in 1966 and adopted the basis of the present system in 1970. This involves a compact airbag mounted in the steering wheel boss which inflates to provide a large cushion to protect the driver from facial injury on the steering wheel. It is operated by a sensor mounted on the transmission tunnel which detects an impact of 12mph or more and fires a gas propellant charge to inflate the beg in a thirtieth of a second. This system has been in

production for five years and 45,000 have been fitted to cars on the German market, with another 80,000 for export, largely to the United States. Now it is to be offered by Merecedes-Benz (United Kingdom) on all the imported car range at a cost of £995.60
After use, the bag deflates rapidly and is claimed to be safe with people wearing glasses and pipe smokers. Refitting the hap and pechaning the the beg and recharging the propellant cylinder will cost about £400. Mercedes emphasizes that the airbag is a supplementary safety device and that the normal seat belt restraint system remains the primary safety device for all

The introduction of the airbag coincides with the launch of the latest updated Sclass cars from Stutigart, the prestigious top end of the range. Essentially these comprise five versions of the four-door saloon and two of the coupe, with three revised roadsters.

While retaining the same basic bnes and concept of the original cars, the latest versions show improved aerodynamics, new power units and modified interiors. The sa-loons and coupes have larger 15in wheels with low profile 205/65 R15 tyres. The 65 profile tyre has been taken up extensively by European makers over the past year and is also used on the mid-range and 190 series. The 65 refers to the aspect

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Toyota Space Cruiser: Looks the same but there are many improvements

market cars and the much more expensive 60 aspect adopted extensively for sporting versions. Another distin-guishing feature of the latest cars is the replacement of the rather heavy ribbed side pro-tection body panels by a flush design which harmonizes neatly with front and rear

bumpers. Power units are straight six and V8, the latter being an all aluminium design and both show the results of development work aimed at lowering pollution levels while improving overall economy. The 3litre engine is the straight six-cylinder design used on the 300 SE saloon and the 300 SL roadster, both with fuel injection. The 4.2 and 5.0-litre V8 injection engines are offered on saloons, coupes and roadsters, and with these engines the saloon is also available in long wheelbase form.

Standard features include ABS anti-lock braking on all but the 300 SE saloon, heated door mirrors and front passenger seat height adjustment. Prices range from £20,800 for the 300 SE to £40,400 for the 500 SEC conpe.

#### Road Test

The latest version of the Toyota Space Cruiser may look the same - and none the worse for that - but beneath the distinctive exterior lie several mechanical improvements, partly reflecting the recall of the original after brake problems of which it was rapidly cleared.

The concept of the Space Cruiser shows how the Japanese were quick to identify a market and exploit it, leaving Europe to follow with such vehicles as the innovative Renault Espace. The leisure market offers a chance to build a vehicle combining a small persoonel carrier, vantype accommodation with a surefooted feel free from any all worth the effort.

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The result is a forward control vehicle in which the engine is placed between driver and front passenger, with room for eight adults in COMPORT

The rear compartment is reached through a wide opening sliding door giving access to two rows of seats, the rearmost of which splits down the middle and folds sideways to give a large load area for luggage. The whole vehicle is well carpeted and has twin opening roof panels, both tinted. The front panel lifts up at the rear and the second over the centre seats is an electrically operated sliding unit con-trolled from a panel above the

While the basic concept is that of a small van, the body is unique to the Space Cruiser and very distinctively styled to look sleek and uncommerical. The technical improvements include a new rack and pinion steering layout with variable ratio power assistance, revised front wheel alignment and suspension geand proportioning valve, and

revised suspension settings. The original 1800cc petrol engine gave way to a 2-litre unit some time ago and the fuel tank has been increased from 55 to 60 litres (13.2 gallons).

I have always had a liking for light forward-control vehicles, notably motor caravans, and took to the Space Cruiser the first time. The latest example proved a very lively performer and on a recent continental trip was able to cruise smoothly up to an indicated 86mph. The improved suspension and adoptioo of larger tyres give a very

feeling of frontal instability sometimes encountered on vehicles of this configuration. Its comfort and convenience won it over to all who travelled in it and I would be more than content to use this type of vehicle for everyday motoring. The Space Cruiser certainly lacks for nothing in comfort, with electrically operated front windows and a high level of sound insulation among its attributes. There are quite a number in use in my part of the country and the latest improvements should ensure its continuing appeal. Automatic transmission is an option at £500.

#### Vital statistics

Model: Toyota Space Cruiser 8-seater Price: £9,350

Engine: 1.998cc four-cyliner, rear-drive Performance: 0-60 18.0 secnds: top speed 88mph

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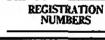
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Rennes has been producing Citroen cars since 1962 and turns out just over 1,000 BX saloons a day. The zero defect principle is based on two essential factors: the replacement of post-production inometry, improved braking with dual split safety system, new tandem brake booster incorporating a load sensing To facilitate the inspection To facilitate the inspection

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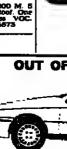
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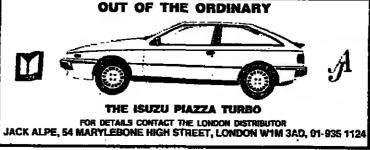
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The new master of Manton talks to Michael Seely

# Sangster's secret weapon in battle for Turf supremacy

Michael Dickinson, temporarily a self-imposed hermit, is still jealously guarding fortress Manton against all intruders. Situated in a hollow on the windswept downs above Marlborough, this historic training centre is now the headquarters of the formerly brilliant National Hunt operator as he prepares himself for his new role as Robert Sangster's secret weapon in the Isle of Man based millionaire's fight against the Opec rich Arabs for supremacy on the British turk

Before being head-hunted by Sangster, Dickinson hit the world of Sangster, Dickinson hit the world of jumping like a whirlwind. By combining the horse sense inherited from his parents, Tony and Monica, with his own natural intelligence and experience gained as a successful jockey and as a member of the family team, this single-minded perfectionist enjoyed a startling four years in Yorkshire. On Boxing Day, 1982 he saddled the world record number of 12 winners in an afternoon. During the 1982-83 campaign he set a During the 1982-83 campaign he set a new national record with 120 winners in the season and was champion trainer on

The highlight of his short reign was undoubtedly that dramatic afternoon in March 1983 when he trained the first five home in chasing's most important prize, the Cheltenham Gold Cup. Clad io a black covert coat with a velvet collar, the trainer was high oo adrenalin that day as he charged round the unsaddling enclosure welcoming his quintet home.

Dickinsoo moved into Manton in July 1984. Since then a veil of secrecy has surrounded its transformation into a modern complex of offices, stables and renovated gallops, including all-weather strips. Sangster himself estimates an expenditure of over £2 million during this period.

History stalks the beech-lined aveoves and rolling downs of the 2,300-acre estate. The house and stables were built io 1870 for Alec Taylor, senior, who gave the yard its first Derby winner with Sefton in 1878. Between 1901 and 1927, his son, Alec, despatched 21 classic winners, these triumphs including the victories of Lemberg, Gay Crusader and Gainsborough in the Derby.

Just as nature abhors a vacuum, so too do the media and a news-hungry public resent being deprived of information, particularly when the subject coocerns such flamboyant personalities as Dickinsoo and Sangster.

> It's the chance of a lifetime — I won't get another like it'

The trainer had flu on Tuesday. But gallantly aware of his responsibilities to his fans, he staggered bravely from his sick bed to the telephone to give the latest state of play. Surprisingly he plans to be in action quite soon. Haydock. Park oo April 9 could well see the firing of the first eagerly awaited shot.

"Bolivia will probably be my first runner. She's a three-year-old filly who won a listed race in Germany in record time last season, though she was a bit disappointing afterwards." He also intends trying out a few two-year-olds before the end of April "Four or five have come to hand quite early including Camino Real and Guest Performer. Then there's Veryam Bam, a Storm Bird filly out of Queen Of Cornwall, whom Michael Stoute won a few races with; and Noble Hero, by Storm Bird out of Noble Mark, who is a half-brother to

The Noble Player." Kirmann and Waafi are interesting additions to the list of older horses "I've only got six of these. Coincidental won a six-furlong handicap for Mick Lambert last season. He'll act as lead horse for the two-year-olds and we might pick up a couple of races with him. We bought Kirmann from the Aga Khan. He won the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket last May. Wash is an interesting proposition. We only had to give 16,000 guineas for him at Newmarket as he went to pieces last season. But he was a pretty good two-year-old when trained by Paul Cole. We bought these to give a bit of balance to the team in its

Astute showman that he is, Dickinsoo has obviously relished shrouding his operations in an atmosphere of mystery. However, as with all his actions, an

underlying seriousness of purpose has guided his thinking. "This is the most important part of my career," he explained. "I've been given a marvellous job. It's the chance of a lifetime. I'll never get another like it, so I've got to put it all in. I had a year. off when I went round the world - to Australia and to America four times. But the past 12 months I've had to seal myself off completely. After all I've got to be trainer, estate manager and building manager all rolled into one. Everything's been all go and non-stop

every minute of the day.
"I'm having my press day on May 20. want to be fair to everyone and show them the place when it's ready, all of them together. That will be Manton's



Michael Dickinson: relaxed and happy at Manton but cast in the same dedicated mould as his illustrious predecessor there, Alec Taylor junior

to launch."

He then discussed the gallons. "You musin't forget that since George Todd retired in 1973, they've only been partly used. There's a great deal to turn management. There had to be a lot of treatment and mowing to encourage the growth of grass underneath. They're getting better, but they're not 100 per cent yet. They'll be at their best in late summer. That's one reason why I'm anticipating a quiet first half to the

Dickinson's pre-occupation with his work and his meticulous attention to detail have long been legendary, but at present he seems on the best of terms with himself and with life. "You know how up-tight I sometimes get," he said.

"At the moment I'm really relaxed and enjoying myself. I love Manton and I like working for the boss. And I've seen more change during the past 12 months than in the whole of my previous life."

Talking about his reasons for switching to the Flat, he said: "It was saddling the first five in the Gold Cup that started it. After all I couldn't start thinking about having the first six, But when I was first approached, I doubted my ability to do it on the Flat and turned offers down. It was Charlie Whittingham, the American trainer,

who finally changed my mind. "Harewood was a marvellous place." But there were improvements in facili-ties I wanted to install that the cost and: value of jumpers simply didn't justify.
And then there were my head lasts.
Brian Powell and George Fosici, and office men from Yorkshire that I wained

to give a chance to.... "Robert was another reason. Everyone told me that he's a marvellous man to work for and it's true. He doesn't put any pressure on you. The challenge still scares me, though. There's so much competition on the Hat. The idea of taking on the likes of Cecil, Stoute, Hern, Harwood and company makes me shiver in my boots."

#### Without the ammunition he can't be expected to fire winning salvoes'

With 40 two-year-olds and only six older horses, the trainer will not be expecting too many fireworks in his first year. And of course the more backward two-year-olds, the ones with Classic potential, are unlikely to be seen until later in the season. "I'm new here with a young team. We've got a lot to learn about Flat racing and also about Manton. After all when you first move into a new house, you don't expect everything to

work perfectly at once.".... Sangster is well aware of the difficulties that will face the trainer as he strives to restore Manton to its former position of store Manton to its former position of pre-eminence. The man, who has been Britain's leading owner five times in the past nine years, cavisages his new headquarters as playing a vital role not only in the preservation and expansion of his own 1,400-horse empire, but also, in the long term, in that of producing highclass stallions and mares.

"It was the man, not the place, I went for," he said. "Michael's brilliant record aks for itself. I'm not worried about the trainer or the establishment. I just want to get him the best horses - without the ammunition he can't be expected to fac winning salvoes."

The trainer's two-year-olds include six horses by Golden Fleece, the dead 1982

day and I can tell you that it's a big ship Derby winner, and others by King's Lake and Nureyev, "The six Golden Fleeces look like being my only chance of getting any return on my investment as the question of insurance with Lloyds is still unsettled. Sangster said.

> brood-mares, built up over a period of 15 years. They include such top class race-mares as Detroit, winner of the 1980 Prix de TArc de Tripmphe, Durtal. Miss Toshiba and Royal Heroine, who was voted champion grass mare in the States The millionare then further explained

Sangster owns a 200 strong band of

his thinking. In the long run it's not going to be easy for Michael, with only home-breds, to compete as the average price at Keeneland runs at around half a million dollars. The mixture of these purchases and horses from their own studs would give the Arabs too much of Wayward Lad will beat

the mare this time, just you wait and see' "We'll have to try and find more partnership houses for him. For example, I've done a deal with the owner of a nonmation to Northern Dancer. His yearing cost out of Detroit will go to Manton this amuran. God alone knows

employer. "Robert's a brave man to have set me up here," he said. "He's put a lot of

what price he would have fetched in the

riches; time and effort into the place. You've got to say he's got guts." However, horses are not just machines to Dickinson and he retains a strong affection for the brave chasers that brought ham fame. "If my fairy godmother could grant me a wish," he went on, "it would be that when Wayward Lad and Captain John have finished racing, they will be allowed to spend the rest of their days at Manton as my hacks."

He reacted indignantly to the idea that Dawn Run outstayed Wayward Lad in that dramatic battle for the Gold Cup. "Utter nonsense," he retorted. "Wayward Ladgot fired because he hadn't had a race between Kempton and Cheltenham. He'll beat the mare at Liverpool, just you see."

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He pleads guilty to the charge of being obsessed by his profession. "I'm a very boring man," he concluded. "I've got no hobbies and I think holidays are a complete waste of time. But I'm a happy man and, at the end of the day, that's what life's about."

Dickinson is wrong. Fanances may be controversial, but they are never dull. Michael Dickinson's pursuit of excellence on the Flat promises to be every bit as en-tertaining and instructive as was hisremarkable career under National Hunt

As I drove through Mariborough, a paragraph about Alec-Taylor junior, from the British Encyclopaedia of Flat Racing came to mind. "Alec Taylor ... had no taste fer social life or the luxuries that he could well have afforded ... He led a frugal life at Manton, which he only left

for a racecourse but never for a holiday. Yet. "The wizard of Manton" as he was popularly known, was one of the great trainers of his era. Truth is often stranger than fiction and history also has an uncanny habit of repeating itself. Michael Dickinson is certainly cast in the same dedicated mould as his illustrious predecessor.

# Beanpole boys are shape of future

The growing popularity of the Royal Bank English Cup finals has resulted in a switch of this In the winning under-16 boys' team from Parbrook Park, year's finals on May I I from the Britannia Sports Centre in Shoreditch to the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. Crystal Palace, which can seat more spectators than Britannia, will also be the venue next year, when it is planned to hold the

17 and under-19 competitions for men and women, to add to the present junior and senior fiants for men and women. The juniors represent the future shape of the sport in this country, which is likely to be extremely tall, if last weekend's

event over two days and to present four new finals, under-

centre near Wolverhampton were anything to go by.

Portsmouth, were four England under-16 internationals, all six feet tall or more: Chad Franklin, who also played for the similarly victorious Purbrook under-1 team; Mark Tull, who at 6ft 41/210 also plays for England under-20, Jason McQueen, the captain, and James Blissen.
Also playing in the under-16
team was Bradley Piper, who is
6ft 2in tall.

Andrew Lowcznowski, the senior men's pational coach, is taking probably the tallest En-gland men's seam ever to the country, which is likely to be extremely tall, if last weekend's spring Cup competition in Australia of Cricket Club. Formerly the vice extremely tall, if last weekend's Spring Cup competition in Australia of Cricket Club. Formerly the vice extremely tall, if last weekend's Spring Cup competition in Australia of Cricket Club. Formerly the vice extremely tall, if last weekend's Spring Cup competition in Australia of Cricket Club. Formerly the vice extremely tall, if last weekend's Spring Cup competition in the knowledge of the competition o

can effectively block in a sport which, in international terms, has become beenpole mili

In England's squad are men-like Tony Pincott, at 6ft Sia, Marek Banasiewicz, at 6ft 6½in and Smart Fullerton, at a mere 6ft 5½in. Allowing for yonth's natural growing tendencies, the boys from Purbrook could end up eclipsing even these modernup eclipsing even these modern-day guants.

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Maurice Ledley is the new barrian of Sussex County

#### **SQUASH RACKETS** Tough path

#### for Soutter Lucy Souther, the Carena

teenager who holds both the national senior and world junior titles, is seeded to play in the women's final of next month's Hi-Tec British Open championships at Wembley, but her path to that scheduled class with an Devoy, the world chantpion proper, is fraught with danger (Colin McQuillan

As early as the third round of the competition, Miss Souther must deal with the challenge of Victo Cardwell, Australia's 29 year-old former workl cham-

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# Change in nature of pitches is the really new phenomemon

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Bridgetown, Barbadoe

There has never been so much talk as there is now about "uneven bounce".

From all around the cricket world batsmen complain about it as though it is a new companion of the standards of West uneven bounce—and bowlers in the standards of West in the standard of West in much talk as there is now about "uneven bounce". From all around the cricket world batsmen complain about it as though it is a new phenomenon. But to what extent is that so?

extent is that so?

For a start, it has always happened and if a fast bowler bends his back for one ball but not the next the bounce will vary however good the pitch. That is one of the tricks of his trade and the faster the bowler the greater the problem on a betsman. To blame it on the sich by calling it uneven some is inaccurate. What has been happening in

the West Indies has been different. All three Test pitchinstall an interest patch-install and in Kingston, incent and Kensington Oval ere have produced palpable shooters on the first day of the matches, and that never used to be the case. In former days it would more likely have en the third or fourth day of a match before the first of

them appeared. At Sabina Park in 1967-1968 you could put your fingers into the cracks that had developed by that stage of a match and it was when the ball hit one of those that it might have kept low. The pitch there was always beautifully flat. Last month it was visibly uneven, so that when the ball

The ridge at Lord's also produced its entirely unpre-dictable flyers, and there is now talk of a ridge at Sydney having the same effect. At Perth, in Western Australia, which once boasted the fastest and truest within the same and true and true to the same and the same an and truest pitch in the world, the game has quite changed. Today, more often than not, the ball moves all over the place. Here in Bridgetown, what used to be a lovely pitch for batting has become a fast bowler's fairground. They say it has to be kept grassy, otherwise it disintegrates, but how, in that case, did they have some wonderfully good games of cricket when the

grass was taken off?

The last of these was 10 years ago when West Indies' last-wicket pair survived the final 75 minutes of the match to deny Pakistan victory. Pa-kistan made 435 and 291, West Indies 421 and 251 for nine. The pitch on which England lost the third Test' here recently was, in fact, a lot less green than some. Generally, though, they put altogether too much of a premium on speed, which is, of course, the strongest West Indian suit.

It is the same through most pitched on a slight down slope of the Caribbean and this, it would shoot whereas from an up slope it might slide.

bassmen. The only one under 30 to average over 30, Living-stone. Lawrence, came from the Leeward Islands. No fewer than 11 bowlers average under 20 with the ball, eight of them members of the fast brigade and two of the others mature

The First Test match at Sabina Park, which itself war-ranted an X-certificate, was said to have been a garden party compared with a couple of Jamaica's Shell Shield games there, when Guyana and the Leewards were both bowled out for under 70. The bounce then was as bad as the bouncers were inordinate. Playing for the Leewards, Richards was out cheaply to Patterson twice in a day.

. Unless there is a return to

really good batting pitches flat, true and one-paced —
there must be a strong case for introducing into first-class cricket out here (as well as elsewhere) something similar to the present one-day rule on limiting, say to one an over, a ball bouncing over the batsman's shoulder in his natural stance at the wicket. If not, even the West Indians' great natural instinct for batting could be suppressed by persistently short-pitched bowling on pitches of genuine-

# Pakistan squander their chances

Lanka's fourth-wicket pair, Asanka Gurusinghe and Arjuna Ranatunga, batted through the final day of the third Test matchagainst Pakistan yes-terday to force a draw that left the series tied 1-1.

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final day of the third Test matchagainst Pakistan yesterday to force a draw that left the series tied 1-1.

Gurusinghe, aged only 19, made 116 not out, his first Test hundred, and Ranatunga 135 not out, the pair putting on 240 to take Sri Lanka from 83 for three overnight to 323 at the close Pakistan had led by 37 on first innings.

Gurusinghe and Ranatunga was the best of the series." But he said he had been very happy with the umpires in this Test. "They were good and I have no complaints. We had a lot of faith in these umpires througheight catches going down during the final day. Ranatunga was

second Test had soured relations between the two sides.

They became so bad at one point that Pakistan said they would call off the rest of the tour and return home.

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Clare Wood: the spring winner after a discouraging winter (Photograph: Tommy Hindley)

**TENNIS** 

# Youngsters take the stage against a bleak backdrop

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

immediate being the British juoior championships.

had to be shifted from shale to a surface that absorbs raio faster.

Some of the spectators were

better known than the players. lles had come up from East-bourne to watch Miss Wood, Susan Mappin, the women's

emerged from her office to point out that two BWTA tour-

wind became a nuisance.

Clare Wood, of Haywards Heath, aged 18, beat Torquay's Valda Lake, aged 17, by 7-5, 6-4 in the final of the British Women's Tennis Association spring tournament at Queen'a Club, West Kensiogtoo,

The match was less significant than the context in which it was played; a bleakly discouraging sample of the sort of thing British youngsters have had to suffer in order to gain decent competition at this time of year. Miss Wood, who was born in Zululand but ranks 13th in Britain, is a member of the

Tennis Association's international squad, and is coached by Clay Iles wherever it happens to be convenient -Lewes, Hailsham or Eastbourne. She is currently busy with her A

Miss Lake, four places lower in the national junior rankings, has been playing full-time for a year and is a member of Britain's 18 and under training groop. She has been coached at Toronay by that renowned training Torquay by that renowned sage, bourne to watch Miss Wood, Arthur Roberts, and at the Susan Mappin, the women's expense of the LTA also receives national team manager, additional help from Ken Fletcher at Slough.

Her mother played table ten-nis for England for 10 years and there is a remote blood liok with the 1961 Wimbledon champion, raments in consecutive weeks had given the players competitive experience at a time when there was not much happening at this level. Angela Mortimer. In short, these are interesting

Miss Mappin's former Wightman Cup doubles partner. and promising players and, as it happens, attractive young women. Their problem, shared with a host of others, is that the winter is only half-used (a charitable estimate) in terms of commentium programment for the competitive preparation for the tournaments ahead, the most

The final was umpired by a well-known Wimbledon official, Georgina Clark, who is also tour director of the Women's Tennis Association. "In this country," she said yesterday, "there is not much going on at this time of year. They do a lot of winter training but there are not many tournaments. The PWTA is The idea for the past four days was to play outdoors on shale. Well, they played outdoors, but often on the hard, all-weather courts alongside the LTA of-fices. You know the kind of weather we have had: the final Even so, the match began an hour late, the foothold was some way short of perfection, and the

as tough at the top as it is at the

Wigntman Cup doubles pariner.
Lesley Charles, who looks after
the 18 and under group, reckons
Miss Lake bas improved a lot in
the past year. "Mentally, she has
lapses. But her attitude, her
strokes and ber length are all
getting better."

The final was unnessed by a

training but there are not many tournaments. The BWTA is trying to fill some of the gap."

In this instance the BWTA also had to sponsor the event themselves, for the first time. But for their willingness to do so, a bunch of Britain's ranked players - plus others just behind - would have been deprived of even this modest chance to test themselves as match players. Tennis is not half

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

# Four clubs hot on heels of Halifax

Decisive matches in the race for the championship will be played during the Easter weekend, and several of those games will be decided in a full Good Friday programme today. Halifax are the leaders, with Wigan, Widnes, Leeds and Hull Kingston Rovers, chasing them with matches in hand.

Halifax travel to Castleford to

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Halifax travel to Castleford to meet the Wembley finalists, and the outcome of this game could depend on whether Castleford are in a mood to emphasize the justice of their Wembley appearance, or are content to rest on plustice of their wembley appearance, or are content to rest on their laurels and ride their remaining league fixtures comfortably. This latter option could prove dangerous, since castleford are uncomfortably near the relegation zone, and I imagine they will lift their game against the league leaders.

Wigan make the short journey to St Helens for the traditional enough-racking derby come

ground-packing derby game. Ella and Gill expect to be fit, and Wigan will face a St Helens side who could be demoralized by the cluh's decision to place five players on the transfer-list, including Harry Pinner, the cluh and Great Britain captain, at £95,000. Again, the attitude of the players is a toss-up. The Saints may collapse under the weight of the controversial listweight of the controversial list-ing of Pinner, or the side will rise to great heights with the backing of the buge crowd.

Warrington had their champ-ionship hopes badly bruised by defeat at Bradford on Wednes-

day, but they can climb back into contention by winning yet another traditional holiday derby at home to Widnes.

In the second division Barrow tion favourites, are in action. Barrow visit Blackpool Borough to face a team capable of rising to the occasion, while Leigh will expect to complete the double over Rochdale Horners, the contenders for the third promo-

Not engaged today because of tomorrow's challenge cup semi-final are Hull Kingston Rovers. This adds to their appalling fixture congestion, which involves the playing of 10 games in 23 days, a ludicrously cruel situation which could rob Rovers of the championship they currently hold.

Des Drummond, Leigh's world record £120,000-listed Great Britain winger, has been suspended by the second disuspended by the second di-vision leaders for a fortnight Leigh have banned Drummond after a heated ex-change with a director following last Sunday's league win over Huddersfield.

A League spokesman said:
"Efforts to restore peace with
Des at the club have taken place
but the player has been unwilling to discuss his grievance."
Drummond replied: "A
packed players bar was not the
right place. I've been training
and its obvious I want to play."

#### DRESSAGE

#### Eilberg is on his own

By Jenny McArthur

Ferdi Eilberg on Giovanni and David Hunt on Maple Zenith, both professionals, once Zenith, both professionals, once again took the honours at yesterday's Dressage Selection Trials at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire. Eilberg and Giovanni capped their win in Wedoesday's advanced class with an even better performance for victory in yesterday's Grand Prix, beating Hunt, the runnerup, by 14 marks.

Lady Joicey and her home-hred Powdermonkey also con-firmed the form they have shown abroad during the winter with an authoritative test which earned them third place and, not surprisingly, a place on the short list for the team for the World Championship in Canada in August But the most eve-catching

performance came from Frances Rudge on Florida Flash, who finished fifth behind Jennie Loriston-Clarke oo Dutch Gold, A former eventer, Florida Flash

seemed to love every minute of seemed to love every minute of the Grand Prix test. As a result, Mrs Rudge, together with Jackie Farlow and the Dutch-bred Arnhem, is one of two "new" names on the short list of eight. Jane Bartle-Wilson's Pin-occhio, a regular member of the

British team, was clearly tired after his arduous sea-crossing from the Netherlands at the weekend and performed below his usual standard. The selec-tors, who insisted he should take part in these trials, can hardly have felt their decision to be justified, Mrs Bartle-Wilson will now have to impress at the Goodwood International meeting at the end of May after which the team of four for Canada will be chosen.

GRAND PRIX: 1. Glovanni (F Elberg), 955;
2. Maple Zeniti (D Hurth, 951; 3,
Powdermonkey (E Joicey) 925,
World champlonships short list; Arriben
(J Farlow), Dutch Gold (J Loriston-Clarke),
Florida Flash (F Rudge), Pinocciuo (J
Bartie-Wilson), Powdermonkey (E Jorcey),
Prince Consort (D Mason), Wengel (A
Doxey) and Wily Trout (C Bartle).

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RACKETS

# Tonbridge UAU get pair are sweet brilliant

By William Stephens

Tonbridge yesterday recorded their fourth win of the public schools. championship since 1981 when they retained the trophy through Jonathan Longley and James Waters defeating Clifton (Giles Palmer and Damian White) 15-12, 15-1, 15-2, 15-8 in the final at Queen's Club.

Longley, holder of the H.K.

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Club.

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Foster Cup, was the outstanding player; he was severe in service and dominated the front of the court with lethally cut-kill shots. Waters was not-content to play second fiddle and shared in the unremitting aggression. Longley registered 24 service winners to Waters's - seven.

Tonbridge also won the Second Pairs Cup when Jeremy Wilmot and James Owen-Browoe defeated the Wellingtonians, Paul Tennant and William Waghorn, 3-15, 17-18, 15-2, 16-13, 15-10, 15-1 in a fine match. Eton prevented a clean sweep in yesterday's finals when their Colts (under-16) pair, Hutton Swingleharst and Richard Smith-Bingham, defeated the Tonbridgians, David Penfold and Richard Gill, 15-8, S-15, 12-15, 15-7, 15-6, 15-8. On Wedoesday Marlborough (Thorold Barker and James) Wedoesday Marlborough (Thorold Barker and James Hey) won the Peter Gray Cup (under-15) beating Rugby (Richard Montgomerie and James Francis) 15-7, 15-8, 18-13.

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# revenge

By Sydney Friskin

#### **Busy time** for women

period of three days, among them a team of former Dutch internationals.

The England under-18 side, The England under-18 side, meanwhile, are in Eindhoven at an international tournament involving France, West Germany, Netherlands, Scotland and Wales. In all they play four matches, opening today with a game against France.

At home the 25th Easter Festival at Penzance has at-

HOCKEY

By Sydney Friskin

UAU regained the British
Universities Sports Federation
title after beating Scotland in the
final at Loughborough yesterday, It was their minth outright win, the honours having
been shared in 1974 with
Oxford.

Scotland who had beaten
UAU 3-2 in the group match
could not recover the sparkle
they had shown against London
whom they had defeated 2-1
after extra time in Wednesday's
semi-final. UAU, who had an
easier 4-1 win over their second
team on the same day, looked
more composed yesterday.

Only after Scotland reduced
the lead to 2-1 in the second half
did they pose a threat. They had
five short corners in this period
but did not have enough variation in their drill to confound
the UAU defence.

UAU went ahead in the

converted a short corner. David Barber consolidated their position in the 25th minute by scoring from a penalty stroke, It was conceeded by Williams who was judged to have put a high stick to the ball as it was travelling into goal off Skinner's scoop. Scotland's goal was scored by Bradley from a pass by Stanfield.

UAU: B Baxondale; A Mitchell, C Cooper, C Cegroft, R Chempion, C Bell, D Berber, S Herzin; J Rees, R Stoner, A Blocham. SCOTLAND: N Howelt H Kannedy, D Skinn, D Williams, D McPartard, S McCartney, K Knapp, M Smith, D Stanfield, M Yellowiees, R Bradley, Lingians: M Mertin (Eastern Counses), RESULTS: Semi-finale, Scotland 2, London 1 part, LAU II 1, Finalt UAU II 2, Scotland 1, Third place; UAU II, 4, Cambridge 1, Equal sevenit: Wates 2, Oxford 2.

tournaments and festivals. Under the captaincy of Sheila
Heoderson, Scotland are
competing at an invitation
event in Bitthoven, Netherlands, where the 12 participating
teams will comprise a mixture
of internationals and clubs
(Joyce Whitehead writes).
With the weekend tournament under their belts, Scotland will then take on a varied
selection of opponents over a



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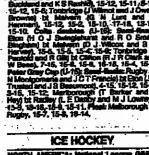
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Their journey was lengthy

the facilities in their hotel

could hardly have been more

spartan, their preparations could scarcely have been less

favourable and Robson's

plans were severely disrupted

on the eve of the fixture.

Instead of folding underneath

such problems the squad re-

sponded in an enthusiastic

tors to win or even to score in

the Soviet Union since West

Germany in 1979 (apart from

Czechoslovakia's victory in an

Olympic qualifying tie two

years ago), England sent a warning around the world. As

Waddle said: "If we play like

that in Mexico, we'll take

■ Moscow (Reuter) - Soviet newspapers complained yes-terday at the national team's

lack of firepower after the defeat by England. "They have not yet learnt to score," Sovetsky Sport headlined its

report from Tbilisi and re-

proached the team for inaccu-rate sbooting. "There were two or three dangerous mo-

ments near the England goal, and that was all," Lev

Lebedev, Pravda's correspon-

In becoming the first visi-

and responsible manner.

options

look too

limited

By Clive White

It is generally accepted that
Northern Ireland's shield of
iovincibility will become as thin
as the air io Guadalajara at this

cootenders at a serious dis-

advantage, but none more so

than the Irish, whose game

draws more heavily on physical

resources than perhaps any other team in the world.

Sepp Piontek, the manager of

Denmark, the latest European

power - albeit a depleted one -

to be frustratingly defused by Irish fortitude, does not believe

Even Billy Bingham, at the height of celebrations after his 50th match in charge, had to concede the Irish will have to

adjust their style.
The extent of that modifica-

George Best in the 1960s and 1970s cannot unearth a match-winner in the 1980s at a time when they have never been better equipped to defend an

himself in the side for Spain.

with a header.

McClelland's foot injury, now

summer's World Cup finals. The altitude and the heat of Mexico will put all the European

# Robson's boldness gives wings Bingham's to winning England strategy

ning. The fact that they had in Brazil in 1984. not lost by more than two Waddle himself admitted as goals since Bobby Robson much. There has been a lol of match report.

be OK." he said. It sounded years ago. like a cry of defiance, but those who heard it were not ready to failed to be convincing and, if share his confidence.

vealed on Wednesday morn-ing, all optimism withered. It and revert to a midfield of turous in the circumstances to the closing 15 minutes on select a winger; but Robson Wednesday by bringing on had said that he wanted to find Steven in place of Waddle. oul if the system that he had favoured for so long would work at the highest level and he stuck courageously to his

England's sequence of seven Rampant Scotland must not

it would be ungracious, even

if there are some reservations, not to congratulate Scotland upon their emphatic win over

Romania on Wedoesday night io their last home match before

the World Cup finals.

They were often exciting when going forward: Strachao oo the right flank of midfield.

Gough behind him at full back

and Rannon on the left of

ioto attack against a Romanian team adroit with the ball,

though visibly lacking comm-

"Three-nil is very good lan-guage and Strachan had a terrific

game," Franz Beckenbauer said afterwards, having studied one of West Germany's three first-

round opponents after present-ing Kenny Dalglish with a silver

and gold trophy to mark the first Scotsman reaching 100 caps.

"All four teams in our group will be roughly equal, I thick, and the top two will probably need some luck," Beckenbauer

added. Schuster, who returned

after injury to the Barcelona team on Sunday, had to decide

by the end of this week, Beckenbauer said, whether be

would join the German squad. "We have talked long enough."

as Schuster or Laudrup, of Denmark, together with the

There was nothing grand about Jack Charlton's introduc-

tioo to international team management. Wales provided the opposition; the wind blew

and rain lashed; most Irish football followers stayed home

to watch England on televisioo; the Lansdowoe Road pitch was

bumpy; and Jack's new team lost to a goal pinched by Wales

Inauspicious is not the word. Backstage afterwards Charltoo

remained on good terms with himself and the world. Frieodly

ioternationals are false, this one particularly so, because so many

established players withdrew be-

tle, he does not mess about. You

could tell he did not mind losing and was big enough to deal with

the Irish public's sense of anti-climax. It was equally clear that what pleased him pleased him very much and that what did not

e him would be sorted out

"I knew what I wanted and I told the players," he explained. "Some of them did their stuff,

some did not. Most pleasing from his point of view were the performances of the Oxford United pair upon whom he had

from a sel-piece early on.

It is the ability of a player such

prepared in the press box as the lone winger in the party, the England team walked out should score the one decisive into the huge Dynamo Tbilisi goal in a victory that was as stadium on Wednesday eve- gloriously unexpected as that

Waddle himself admitted as took over seemed sure to be talk about wingers recently." mentioned in the subsequent he said later, "so it was obviously a good time to It seemed ominous that score." If was only his second Robson had happened to goal in his 13 appearances and mention it the previous day in almost certainly saved the role the middle of revealing the that either he or Barnes has extent of the injuries to the filled since the end of the members of his squad. "We'll South American tour two

Both of them have since Waddle had done so again, When the line-up was re- Robson would have been was surely dangerously adven- four. He did so, anyway, for But, although the contribu-

tion of Cowans was disap-pointingly fragile, the midfield controlled England's unforeseen triumph. Wilkins, so In doing so he risked ending admirable in Israel last month, was outstanding. Robmatches without defeal and of damaging the confidence and belief of his squad. It was pointed out that he never England.

throw caution to the wind

By David Miller

me to have reservations about Scotland's prospects. Alex Fer-

guson, the manager, allowably

satisfied with this performance,

did admit afterwards that there

moments when the defence

"was a bit too positive (going forward)." Exposed would be another word for it.

including Souness, looking to attack, there was no holding

cover in front of the back four, who, but for some resolute and

well-timed tackles by Miller, would have had their record of

cooceding only one goal in the last eight matches rudely denied. As it was Romania

twice hit the bar and missed two invining chances. Hagi, Cama-taru and Coras were too often allowed sight of Goram, who performed ably as deputy

Scotland will need to be more

circumspect, I feel, io next month's encounters at Wembley and in Eindboven, and Fer-

guson should also look carefully

at the matter of Scotlaod's style

of play for Mexico. Strachan, Bannon and Gough cover mucb

ground and such an expense of

energy may not be possible at altitudes, where the ball must do

Oxford pair please Charlton

Aldridge and Houghton are types who would never get in an

England side; hut that is England's problem for they are

embrace the collective ethos -

No fracture

which begs the question of Liam

Neville Southall, the Wales and Everton goalkeeper. did not fracture his aokle as at first thought during Wednesday night's international match against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin. The injury has now been diagnosed as a severe dislocation, but he is still out for the rest of the season.

the rest of the season.

Everton have recalled Bohby

Houghton on the right side of midfield was quick, cheeky and skilful. He is a find for Ireland.

Aldridge had the unenviable task of partnering flashy Michael Rohinson, of Queen's Park Rangers, up front. While his partner nut on his usual referring to Brady when be spoke of "those who did not do their stuff" on Wednesday. Jack had redefined Brady's midflant role he wanted the Inter Milan

his partner put on his usual sprioting and turnhling display, Aldridge worked intelligently and tirelessly with a ready eye for the half-chance. He had the bad luck to hit the woodwork twice.

In an redefined Brady's midned toole. He wanted the Inter Milan player to take a more attacking position behind Aldridge and Robinson. Alas, Brady looked lost possessing the there the physical sharpness for the football intelligence to impose himself on the same.

on the game.

Heavy-legged and lost. Brady resembled nothing more than a 29-year-old child on whom too

29-year-old child oo whom too much indulgence had beeo lav-ished. It will be fascinating to see what Big Jack does about Brady. Nobody has cause to doubt Charlton's conviction, it

is indeed his greatest asset, but the Brady problem may require

all the conviction his manager

last he exudes a sense of purpose. This time Big Jack is

Wednesday's results

With all four midfield men,

The statistics were being ironic therefore that Waddle, shirked a tackle. The talented Hoddle, too, was again responsible for some delightfully incisive passing.

Wright's vulnerability was once more disturbing. As the Soviets awoke from their astonishingly uncertain and nonchalani start, he was guilty of several moments of wild rashness. Robson thought that he was "splendid" but conceded that he "made one mistake that could have been punished". For a defender that is one too many.

Wright's error led, indirectly, to the penalty conceded by Anderson, that was missed by Chivadze after a quarter of an hour. If the Soviet captain had scored instead of almost uprooting a post, the crowd of 62,000 might have been stirred from their extraording. nary apathy.

Hurt by defeat in Mexico and in Spain earlier this year, the Soviets were devoid of passion. Zavarov, who is sure to become one of the more attractive individuals in Mexico this summer, was almost alone in lifting their enfeebled display. But that should not diminish the credit that was deservedly claimed by

35th year. He failed to gaio a record-making 31st international goal but gave a classic exhibition of the control, vision,

among many others, for the first two goals by Strachan and Gough with zephyr-like feints,

and regularly retained pos-session when surrounded by two

or three opponents: a coach's

He is indispensable to Scotland's planning, though modestly he says that he will

Ferguson whether he is in

Scotland's group may be for-

he is a lap ahead of the rest.

# The extent of that modifica-tion can only be minimal. Their deficiency in skill at the highest level and lack of real improvization in attack gives the Irish little room for manoeu-tre. It must be a source of regret to Bingham that a country which threw up such prodigious forward talent as Peter Doherty in the 1940s, Bingham himself in the 1950s and the inimitable George Best in the 1960s and 1970s cannot unearth a match-Reluctant sale of Fashanu

Millwall's hooligan element caused the £125,000 transfer of forward John Fasham yesterday to their second division rivals, Wimhledoo. The Millwall manager, George Graham, was agaiost selling Fashanu, but his chairman, Alan Thorme, insisted he had to go io order to help to balance the books following the three-Fergusoo is temperamentally committed to his Aberdeen centre backs. Miller and McLeish, it could be prudent to consider the value of the hugely experienced, ball-playing Hansen, who brought imaginative distribution from the back in the second half when he came oo for the slightly injured Miller. books following the three-mooth all-ticket ruling for home The connoisseurs' joy of the evening came, suitably, from the evergreen Dalglish, now in his

in other moves before the transfer deadline. Martin O'Neill signed for Fulham, aiming to complete a remarkable comeback which will put him in the Northern Ireland squad for the World Cun Guert.

anticipation and economy which have distinguished his career. He began the moves. the World Cup finals.
Wolves signed an 18-year-old midfield player, Russell Turley, from Nottingham Forest on a free transfer. Huddersfield signed a Chelsea reserve forward, Duncan Shearer, for a small fee and released Dale Tempest on loan to Gillingham.
Derby County signed the
West Bromwich Albion defender, Mike Forsyth, for £20,000; Scunthorpe have York's Keith Honchea for the same price.
Hull took Middlesbrough's
midfield player, Pat Heard, on

condition for Mexico. Mentally, loan; the Derby County for-ward, Steve Biggins, joined Port that they are going to put up an exciting campaign to reach the

The Grimsby forward, Tony Ford, has joined Sunderland until the end of the season;

# their second, possibly most decisive, match of the World

Into the cauldron with Kettering

# Nervous Needham

David Needham has experienced plenty of big occasions in his football career. The former Notts County, Queen's Park Rangers and Nothingham Forest defender made more than 500 Football League appearances, played in two League Cup finals and was an important member of the alf-conquering Forest team of the late 1970s.

Yet tomorrow he will be more nervous watching the Kettering Town team he has managed for the last two years and a half than he ever was as a player.

They drew a crowd of 2,312.

Yet, for all their support, Kettering have had a difficult in the in the last five years. They only anyowle and the last five years and a half than he ever was as a player.

than he ever was as a player.

The Northamptonshire side travel to Runcorn for the first leg of their FA Trophy semi-final, and with Wembley only two games away the next week will be the most important of his managerial career.

managerial career.
"I always had a reputation for being the calmest player in the team, oo matter what the occasion," Needham said. "Now occasion, "Needham said. "Now I'm the most nervous person in the whole ground. When you're out on the pitch your major concern is your own game. Now I play I I games instead of one and I also have the club and the crowd to think about.

The discovery of Houghton and Aldridge adds considerably to an already talented squad. Next mooth Uruguay visit Dublio and ahead lie the European championships where the Republic must face Scotland, Belgium and Bulgaria. Although there have been doubts about Jack Charltoo's commitment to football he seems excited by the challenge of the international game. Freed of the petty politics and debilitating financial constraints of club football, given quality players to work with at last he exudes a sense of "These two games will be tremendous occasions. We're taking at least 15 coachloads of supporters to Runcorn and there should be thousands at our ground for the second leg."

Kettering have always been one of the best supported non-league clabs. Their league gates this season average 1,200 and in

Wilkie takes on tough mission with Barrow

ment is results.

In his first full season Kettering finished 12th and that is likely to be bettered this year, thanks in particular to a flying start which saw them briefly lead the leasure.

the same in particular to a lying start which saw them briefly lead the league.

Needhem has gradually strengthened the side, namely with signings from other non-League clubs, but his greatest success was in persuading Dave Watson, the former England defender, to come to Rockingham Read.

The example of Watson, now aged 39, might have been expected to tempt Needham, three years his junior, out of retirement. However, with his own business to run outside the game, Needham finds that football management takes up more than enough of his spare time.

"I tried the player-manager role for a short while but quickly gave it up," he said. "I just couldn't do the job properly if I had my own game to worry about as well as everyone else's."

Paul Newman

#### Non-League Football by Paul Newman Ray Wilkie, who for the last ment, for Gateshead lead the

two years has combined the Multipart League and are press-posts of chairman and manager ing for a return to the Gola of Gateshead, has left the club to League at the first attempt.

Even during their two years in the Gola League - they were relegated last seasoo -

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# **RUGBY UNION**



Stripes galore: Players from Royal Belfast (left) and St Bees dispute

## Under-23s turn to Flyers are capped players By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The under-23s will gather at

Six senior capped players have been chosen for England's under-23 team to play Spain at Twickenham on April 9, among them Nigel Redman, the Bath lock, who will captain the side. He will have alongside him Richards, the Leicester No. 8, and in the back division Simms, Clough, Barnes and Underwood.

It comes as a faint surprise to It comes as a faint surprise to

advantage. Instead they have something Instead they have something approaching a luxury in defensive qualities. With their seventh consecutive game without defeat and only one goal conceded in 10 hours and 18 minutes of football against the world's best, it would take a mad meddler to tamper with the find Barnes is still eligible for the under-23s, for whom he first appeared in 1982, it is also a debatable point whether players who have already appeared for England at senior level should also be selected at this level but in this instance - and it has not always been the case - the sole Consequently, McClelland, arguably their most dependable defender in the evocative World criterion has been whether or oot players have the birth qualification. All too fresh in the minds of

Cup campaign of 1982 and the subsequent double over West Germany, finds himself on the sidelines with the boot on the other foot. He draws a parallel the selectors moreover is the defeat ioflicted by Spain upon England's seven in Sydney at the weekend. That may not bear too much relation to the 15-a-side with 1982 when an injury to O'Neill enabled him to establish game but it is a warning none the less that Spain prepared thoroughly for that tournament and will be keen to make a similar impression on their two-McClelland's foot injury, now perfectly healed, has given McDonald his chance and he has seized it with zeal, starring in each of his first four internationals and capping Wednesday's 1-1 draw with Denmark by giving Northern Ireland the lead for 78 minutes with a header. match visit to England. Their two heroes in Sydney, Rivero and Puertas, at wing and full back respectively, are both in the party which will play Devon and Cornwall at Torquay on

Nevertheless the suggestion that the Irish centre backs could be exposed for lack of pace and flexibility on a less cloying surface than Windsor Park remains. And since Northern Ireland's final rehearsal for Mexico is at home against the unconsidered Moroccaus on The selectors picked the team after watching the combined English students beat Welsh students 27-15 at Cambridge on Wednesday evening, despite the surrender of an early 15-0 lead. Although the four English tries were shared among the backs (Nelson-Williams scored twice, Risman and Oti registered the unconsidered Moroccans on April 23 we may not discover the truth until they face Spain in others), two forwards obviously coofirmed earlier good im-pressions: Mullins, the Durham University prop, will appear against Spain, as will Robinson,

The under-23s will gather at Twickenham on April 5 for a training weekend conducted by Des Seabrook, their coach, who will also have England's senior coaches. Martin Green and Brian Ashton, to assist him. We talked about whether we wanted to use the match as an experiment," Seabrook, said, "but the general opinion was that we should pick the strongest

BNGLARD UNDER-23 (v. Spain): & Hodgitmann (Hottingham): & Goodwin (Mostley), K. Shrees (Leastpoot), F. Chough (Orrel), & Underwood (Leictene), & Sames (Beth), & Bates (Maspat); & Lineett (Mossley), R. Houre (Rackhastri), A. Malline (Durham University), J. Welle (Lectate), & Redman (Beth, captan), & House (Hardegool Rovers), A. Robinson (Loughborough University), J. Richards Leictate), & Sanis (Fichmond), M. Hennelder (Glouceste), F. Combe (Cambridge University), J. Ward (Mottingham), bridge University), J. Ward (Mottingham), On, the Durham University

wing makes his third appearance for Nottingham today in quarter-final against Wasps. He plays on the left wing while David Holdstock moves to the right where his brother, Steve. now in Australia, used to play.

Nottingham are at full strength against a Wasps side lacking the injured Davies and Melville. The prize for the winners is a home semi-final against London Scottish.

Jonathan Davies, the Neath stand-off-half who joins the Barbarians this weekend on their annual Easter tour to South Wales, becomes an hononary Irishman next weekend when he teams up with the Irish Wolfhounds at the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Bank Sevens tonrnament, their third successive visit.

HRISH WOLFHOUNDS: If Mactical (London Irist), M Klemms (Dolphin), & Middin (Dubby Linker-

# thin on the ground

The Dipers Club National Schools seven-a-side tonr-mament might have emoyed better weather than for many a year, and for that a multitude of players will have been thankful. ptayers will have been thankful. They were able to give the ball air in firm going, but the absence of a flyer has been a common factor among the majority of schools in the two major competitions, the Festival and the Open, whose final rounds took place at Rochamuron vertextay. place at Rochampton vesterday.

West Park, prompted by David Pilangton, one of the tournament's more skilful players, most certainly would have profined from fielding a speedy runner, and someone to finish off their movements in the quarter-final against Newcastle under-Lyme, to whom they lost by two tries to nil.

The big suprise in the sixth round, was the narrow defeat of the much-fancied Millfield side. by a big marauding seven from Campion.

Newcastle-under-Lyme's success against Hampton was a close-run thing, too, but West Park's subtleties confounded a gallant side from Aylesbury who were overwhelmed 19-0. Wolverston Hall made a good

moression by beating City of London; Warwick's competent side knew too much for Cwmtawe, and Ampleforth's greater speed and skill enabled them to usher in three tries by half-time against Ashville.

SDITH ROUND: St Edmund's 5, RGS Guildood, 26; Campion 15; Militeld 12: Neversity-under-Lyme 14, Hampton 12: Aglesbury D. West Park 19: City of Landon 12: Wolverston, Hall 16; Curniswe O, Warwick 12: Astrolle 5, Ampletonth 16.

QUARTER FRALSINGS Guidlord 8. Campion. 20; Wewcastle-under-Lyme 8, West Park 0; Wolverston Hell 0, Warwick

Styl. J Device, (Noom), in arcomy 1,00% St. Constitution), it Spillener (Bobernaro), J. O'Drincott (London Irish), W. Anderson (Under 13) FINAL: Dulvich (Dungannon).

# Barbarians say farewell to Penarth

is proving to be their best season for many a year, Penarth should be playing the Barbarians for the last time this afternoon in their traditional and important Good Friday fixture. After 75 years the Barbarians will bid farewell to

the Loughborough and Bath

the Seasiders.

The four Easter matches in Wales were considered to be the cornerstone of Barbarian tradition in foundation which has eroded somewhat and has not been able to withstand the winds

been able to withstand the winds of rugby change. Three years ago always succeed, is to go out and saw the game with Newport struck from the fixture list, now should be spiced with elements it is Penarth's nurn, leaving only of risk and, dare I say it, fun.

do so. Turning a blind eye to their style has cost the game dearly io this country in recent years and cold shouldering them out will do no good at all. Their

It is a little ironic that, in what sproving to be their best season Swansca oo Monday.

Surely in this day and Lewis, the club secretary, says. Swansca oo Monday.

Surely in this day and crowded age of over-serious sport, the Corinthian still has his there today to see the last of place, the player who dares to do
things as the spirit moves him.
British rugby owes the Barbarians a debt and will continue to centenary year and it was the last time they beat the Barbarians.

Record fee asked Harry Pinner, the St. Helens and Great Britain rugby league captain, has been transfer-listed for a club record fee of £95,000.

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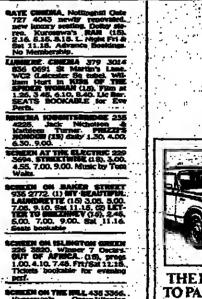
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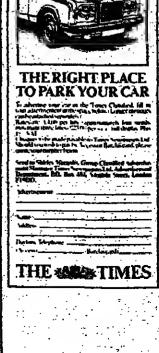


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#### bestowed Irish citizenship: Ray Houghton and John Aldridge. Both played magnificently in difficult circumstances. Mimms, the reserve goalkeeper, who was on loan with Notts County, and hoped to sign further cover vesterday. **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

established players withdrew because of injury.

Jack had lost eight iocludiog Mark Lawrenson, Kevin Sheedy and Frank Stapleton. The day had been part of the learning process. He had learned a lot he proclaimed, jaw set in grim determination. Jack is not subtle, he does not mess about You.

**FOOTBALL** 7.30 unless stated Second division Oldham v Leeds (11.30) Third division Carditt v Plymouth (7.45) Fourth division ambridge v Rochdale Colchester v Swindon Halifax v Hartlepool Scurithorpe v Stockport

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Maccassield MRLTPART LEAGUE: Macclesfield v
Workington (3.0).
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division
(11.0).Chichester v Arundet: Eastbourne v
Lancing: Hailsham v Whitehawk:
Littlehampton v Micharst and E:
SToreham v Steymien v Steymien
Gosport v Fareham (3.0); Weting v Fizher
(11.30). Folkestone v Crawley (11.30).
SENSKINS SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE:
Trophy final, first leg: Selby v Hoddesdon
(4.30).
FESTIVAL: Liverpool Ramblers AFC.

RUGBY UNION

HUGBY UNION
JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP: Quarterfinal: Nottingham v Wasps.
CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon v Northamption (5.30); Britishnead Park v Wasps (3.01;
Penarih v Barbarrams (3.30); Sate v Vale of
Lune; Weston-super-Mare v Liverpoot
Bath OE v Old Silhdians, Bridgwater and
Albon v Hentley; Britishner v Burron;
Camporne Red v Kernkworth; Faknouth v
Dudley Kingswirtprd; Hayle v Crawley;
Launcaston v Camborne; Penryn v Old
Durstonwams; Redruth v St Mary's Hosprast; Tornes v Old Blues; Worming v
King's Norton.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAIER CHAMPIONSHIP: Castleford v Haiffax; St Helens v Wigen (3.0); Selford v Dewsbury; Swinton v Oxform (3.0); Warnington v Widnes (3.0); Postponed: Hull KRi v Hult; Leeds v Breclord. Second division; Batley v Doncaster (5.0); Blackpool v Berrow (6.0); Leph v Rochdele (3.30); Workington v Whitenaven (3.30).

HOCKEY PESTWALS: Near At Blackpool, Bourne-mouth, Clacton, Folkestone, Jersey, Loweston, Torbay, Weston-super-Mare, Weymouth, Wortling, Womer: At Pen-zance, Southend, Weymouth.

**OTHER SPORT** 

BADMINTON: Islands insurance Group Guernsey burnament (at SI Peter Port): Urtlehampton Easter Tournament. LAWN TENNES: Westerall North of England hard court championships (at Southport Argyle LTC). SNOOKER Embassy world professional championships: Qualitying (at Preston Guidnan). SQUASH RACKETS: Bournemouth Easter festival (at West Harts, Meyrick Parts).

**Essex boost** 

Essex, the John Player League champions and Natwest trophy holders, made a record net profit last year of £85,466, with income from membership subscriptions increasing by al-most £30,000 to £175,000.

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCHES: Newport 39, Maesteg 3; Bridgerid 32, Newbridge 9; Covernry 22, Nuncation 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION: Bradford Northern 16, Warrington 2. SECOND DIVISION: Keighley 21. FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Swanper 1.
Charton 2. Zinghton 1. CPR 1.
SWISS LEAGUE: Basie 0, Young Boys Berne
I Nauchtael Xamax 0. Servede Geneva 1: FC
Zunch 1. Luceme 1. Lausame 0. Westingen 0
Leading positions: 1. Nauchtael. 28 pts. 2.
Grasshoppers, 25, 3, Young Boys Berne, 24.

Wednesday's results
International Matches: Northern
Irotand 1. Denmark 1; Scotland 3, Romaria 0; France 2. Argentina 0; Italy 2,
Austre 1; Spain 3, Poland 0;
Italy 2, Research leg: Empland 1, Dermark
1 England win 2-1 on aggl.
FOURTH DIVISION: Exister City 2, TorQuay United 2: Peterborough United 0,
Hereford United 0.
FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY: Area semilings: Port Vale 1. Wigan Attletic 2.
QOLA LEAGUE: Chettenham 2. Kidderminster 0. Bob Lord Trophy: Semi-finat:
Weymouth 0, Bernet 1.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley 0, Manchesser City 1; Hull 1. Liverpool
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3; Manchesser City 1; Hull 1. Liverpool
4; Manchesser City 1; Hull 1. Liverpool
5; Second division: Wolverhampton
Wanderers 0, Sunderland 1.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Mediand division:
VS Rugbby 0, Oldbury 0; Wellington 2,
Sutton Coldifield 0.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division south: Horshem 2, Egitam 1;
Hackwell Heath 2, Southwick 2.
LONDON SPARTIAN LEAGUE: Cop:
Setsi-final replay: Coliver Row 1, Waitham
Abbey 2.

of Gateshead, has left the club to become manager of Barrow. He succeeds David Jobnson, the former England forward, and faces a difficult task keeping Barrow in the Gola League. With only nine matches remaining, they are six points adrift at the bottom of the table.

Wilkie's departure is a serious hlow to Gateshead's hopes of winning promotion from the Multipart League back to the Gola League. He had been Scarborough have reported a Gola League. He had been • Scarborough have reported a manager ever since the club loss of nearly £15,000 for the were re-formed in 1977 and had done a remarkable job in keeping them at the highest level.

Gola League Club lost £26,000 in the previous year.

Gateshead's average gate was kess than 300 and Wilkie consequently had to run the team on the tightest of budgets. He now leaves the club oo the verge of perhaps his greatest achieve-

## THE TIMES FRIDAY MARCH 28 1986 Today's television and radio programmes CHOICE

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1 6.00 Ceefax AM. 6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and travel at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and International news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.90, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20 and 8.20; Lynn Faulds Wood's consumer report at 8.15; and a review of the morning newspapers at

morning newspapers at 8.37.

9.20 Rolend Ret's Easter Extravaganza beginning with Lessie. 9.45 Why Don't You. 10.15 Jackanory. 10.30 Play School:

10.50 The Gospel According to St Matthew. The first Peter Barkworth 11.00 Good Friday. Children from the Roman Catholic Junior School of St Mary and St Benedict, Bamber Bridge, tell the story of Good Friday in words and music. Friday in words and music 12.05 The Roadies' Tale. A day in the life of the pop group Marinese

Con the Man

Madness.
12.30 News After Noon. 12.40 Regional news andweather.
12.45 King Rollo (r) 12.50 Bric-a-Bree (r) 1.00 The Flintstones. artoonser Carbonseries.

i Gymnestici A gala
performance of rhythmic
gymnastics. 1.55 Wildlife
on One: The Bet that
Cracked the Frog Code.
The space age equipment
of the Panamanian fringe
finned hat the 1.25

sipped bat. (r)
2.20 Fam: The Big Country (1958) starring Gregory Peck, Jean Simmons and Chariton Heston. A Baitimore gentieman travels West in order to marry a rencher's marry a rencher's daughter and becomes reluctantly embroiled in a feud. Directed by William

Wyler.
5.05 Voices from the Hoty
Land. Aled Jones with the
BBC Weish Chorus in a programme of devotional music for Easter. 5.55 News and weather. 6.05 Regional news.
6.10 Driving Force. The Sealink British Ferries Challenge, a two-day pro-celebrity

7.00 Wogan. As well as two more Song for Europe hopefuls, there are visits from Princess Stephanie of Monaco, LordSoper and Eartha Kitt.

7.40 I've Got a Secret. The first of a new series in which a panel of celebrities try to guess guests' innermost guess guests little frost secrets. On this evening's panel are Jan Leeming, Derek Jameson, Sandra Dickinson and Barry

8.15 The 1986 Golden Egg Awards presented by Noel Edmonds. 8.40 Dynasty. There are threats of a counter-revolution in Moldavia. (Ceefax)
9.30 News with Moira Stuart.

9.45 The Holy City. A modern the Hory City. A modern day version of the story of the Crucifixion, set in Glasgow, written and directed by The Mysteries director, Bill Bryden, David Hayman stars as The Man, regarded by the authorities as a Scottish

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Lenet, who wants a new form of democracy.
(Ceefax) (see Choice)
11.00 The Gospel According to St Matthew. A repeat of the programme shows ex the programme shown at 10.50am. 11.15 Film: Better Late Than

Never (1982) starring Devid Niven, Art Carney and Maggie Smith. A made-for-television comedy about a has-been entertainer and a mediocre photographer who are summond to the South of France to look after a precocious 10-year old who has recently men had an affair with the girl's grandmother and either one of them could be the young girl's grandfather. Written and directed by Bryan Forbes.

12.45 Weather.

TV-AM 7.00 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne biamond and Henry Keily. News with Jayne trying at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 7.60, 7.30, 8.60, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.24; sport at 7.34; pop video at 7.55; Nigel Dempster et 8.17; Jimmy Graaves's television highlights at 8.34; Easter cooking with Michael Quinn at 8.45; Wacaday at 9.04; and exercises at 9.17. The guest is the Rev Roger Royle.

ITV/LONDON

9.15 Cartoon Time with Porky 9.35 Film: Around the World in 80 Days (1956) starring David Niven, Robert Newton, Cantinflas and Shirtey MacLaine, Oscar awards winning stheature awards winning adventure story based on Jules Verne's novel about a London clubman who wagers with his fellow members that he can circumnavigate the globe in 80 days. His attempt leads to all manner of scrapes and to the

appearance of 44 established stars in cameo roles. Directed by Michael Anderson. 12.30 Our Lady of Sorrows. Donald Reeves, rector of St James's, Piccadilly, presents a programme of music and reflection which includes Jean Rigby (mezzo-soprano) singing extracts from Vivaldi's Stabet Mater. (Oracle) 1.00 News at One with Martyn Lewis.

1.05 Film: The People That 1.05 Film: The People That
Time Forgot (1977)
starring Patrick Wayne,
Doug McCture and Sarah
Douglas. Spectacular
science fiction adventure,
fortunately not taking itself
seriously, about an
expedition to rescue a
man marooned on the
Lost island of Caprona.
Directed by Kevin Connor.
3.00 Mr and Mrs. Quiz game for
couples. 3.30 Sons and
Daughters.

4.00 Disney at Easter. Two cartoons 4.15 Street Hawk. Adventure story about Jesse Mach and his computerised motorcycle, his afternoon braving Chinatown in an attempt to get to the bottom of the theft of a priceless piece

their of a priceless piece of art.
5.15 Connections.
5.45 News with Martyn Lewis.
6.00 The Magic of David Copperfield, presented by Angle Dickinson. A showcase of the talents of showcase of the talents of the remarkable magician who, among his feats this evening, makes an elephant disappear into thin air. 7.00 Albion Market. Sharmas's

future looks somewhat cloudy. But is there a sliver lining? (Oracle) 7.30 Survival Special. A celebration of the programme's 25th anniversary, reviewing the exciting conservation projects with which the series has been associated. (Oracle) (see

Choice)
8,30 That's My Boy, Comedy series starring Molie Sugden. (Oracle)
9.00 Auf Wiederschen, Pet. The Geordie brickes continue to court trouble as they renovate Thornley Manor. (Oracle) 10.00 News at Ten

10.15 The South Bank Show. A documentary film about the life and work of American composer, Ellicit Carter, Followed by (1971) starring Barry Newman. Car chasing adventure about a supercharged Dodge Challenger and its battle with the Highway Patrol police on a journey

where the songs come true. Directed by Herbert between Denver and California. Directed by Ross. 11.15 Articles of Faith. 12.55 The Madenna and the Magdalen. Was Mary Magdalen a fellen woman? Ends at 1.05. Professor John Bowker reflects on the implication of the first Good Friday.

11.35 Weatherview.

David Hayman: The Holy City, On BBC1, 9.45pm

6.55 Open University: North Uist - Where Sunday Survives 7.20 Weekend Outlook. Ends at 7.25.

Outlook. Ends at 7.25.
9.00 Ceefax.
11.45 Harold Lloyd\*. Highlights from the silent comedies Movie Crazy and The Kid Brother. (r)
12.05 Windmill. Chris Serie and his guest, Jan Francis, avail thanselves of the world's largest film and videotape library and watch clips from classics. (r)
1.00 Film: Magic Town\* (1947) starring James Stewart. A comedy in which an opinion polister discovers

opinion polister discovers a small town that mirrors the views of the entire

nation. His potential pollsters goldmine is then

threatened by a ledy industrialist who wants to expand the town by

expand the town by introducing more businesses. Directed by William A. Wellman.

2.40 Global Report 40 Years On. Five women - from Ethiopia, India, Spain, Ecuador and Indonesia - tell their story of the last from decades (\*\*)

four decades. (r)
4.20 Close Harmony. The first
of an occasional series

celebrating English cathedrals and their

King's School, Camerbury.
5.05 Film: Trapeze (1956)
starring Burt Lancaster,
Tony Curtis and Gina

dangerous aerial somersault from his father's old partner, now crippled. The older man is

persuaded to be the upstart's catcher but

ealousles erupt with arrival of the luscious Lola. Directed by Carol Reed.

6.45 100 Great Sporting Moments. The 1977 Grand National.

7.00 Swallows and Amazons
Forever! A dramatization
of Arthur Ransome's

on the Norfolk Broads in the early Thirties, starring Rosemary Leach. (r) 8.30 Gardeners' World from

children's adventure set

Barnsdale, presented by Geoff Hamilton and John

Kelly. Among the Items is advice on slug control by expert Dr Peter Newell of

London University.
9.00 Sporting Chence, Trevor
McDonald has a tennis
lesson from Virginia Wade;

Stan Boardman goes scuba diving; and Brian

Blessed enters his first

Peters and Christopher
Walken. Dennis Potter's
musical fantasy set in
Chicago during the
Thirties about a sheet-

music salesman who wants to live in a world

field archery competition.

9.30 Film: Peanles From
Heaven (1981) starring
Steve Martin, Bernadette

music. Canterbury Cathedral is today's venue

and the programme is presented by Barry Rose, Master of the Choirs at

Loliobrigida. Circus drama about a young trapeza artist who arrives in Paris to learn a particularly

BBC 2

eTHE HOLY CITY (BBC 1,9.45pm),a Passion play for Easter,comes naturally from Bill Bryden's pen. His was the hand behind the Netional Theatre's Mystery Plays, and you do not need me to remind you how down to earth that was while keeping e lively eye fixed on Heaven. The Holy City similarly inhabits the twin worlds of the flesh and the spirit. Bryden selects Glasgow as the venue for the Second Coming, for no for the Second Coming, for no other reason apparently, than that Ctyde shipbuilding has been dealt deadly blows and, so Bryden reasons, when there is no hope of jobs there is no hope of any sort. It would, however, be underrating the power of Bryden's new work to say that his twentieth century Christ is just a uner for supernatural.

CHANNEL 4

husband for his niece. Directed by Gene Kelly, and based on a play by

from the present series. These include

performances by Eton John, Go West, Sting, Simple Minds and Dire Straits.

News summary and weather followed by St John Passion". A free

interpretation of Bach'e St John Passion, directed by

Werner Duggelin, placing it in the modern world.

Man la seen searching for God guided by a shepherd on e motorway and a preacher in an empty church, then he is led to a backyard in Naples where

children reconstruct the scene of the Crucifixion.

With Zeger Vandersteen Wolfgang Schone and Hans Franzen with the Choir and Chamber Orchestra of Fernsehen

DRS (Zurich), conduct by Armin Brunner,

8.35 Inner City, Inner Feith. An

9.00 The Cosby Show. Cornedy series starring Bill Cosby as an obsetrician who finds it easier to deliver

9.30 Gardeners' Calendar.

Introduced by Hannah

10.00 Cheers. The pub regulars

looms large until they

ace. (Oracle) 10.30 Film: Catch 22 (1970)

produce an unexpected

starring Alan Arkin. An anti-war black comedy about e United States Air Force bombardier, based in the Mediterranean in

1944, who is sick of all the carnage for which he is responsible. He asks the

base's doctor to certify

him unfit to fly on the grounds of mental instability but the doctor

sane in not wanting to fly. With Martin Balsam,

Richard Benjamin, Art Garfunkel, Orson Welles,

Martin Sheen and Bob Newhart. Based on the

novel by Joseph Heller and directed by Mike

Nichols. Ends at 12.45.

claims that he must be

Gordon. This month there are items on planting and sowing unusual vegetables; starting vines; and pruning peach trees.

challenge a rival establishment to a ten-pin bowling tournament in an attempt to 6venge losses at other sports. Defeat

finds it easier to deliver children than to live with them. This week one of his daughters and her friend cause chaos in the kitchen with a new gadget that they were specifically told not to touch.

Friday.

Easter message from the Bishop of Stepney, the Rt Rev Jim Thompson, for those living in inner cities,

and based on a pray by Thornton Wilder.

5.00 The Tube. Jools Holland and Paula Yates present highlights of the top live performances and videos

ke a New Jerusalem out of meke a New Jerusalem Old Glasgow merely by on Glasspow training by getting the dockside cranes working again. My difficulty with The Holy City is trying to work out whether the film is really about the Second Coming or the First. The Gospel elements are firmly in place all just a auper (or supernatural) mouthpiece for a campaign to

or the First. The Gospel
elements are firmly in place all
right (riding into town on e
donkey, Last Supper, raising of
the dead, suicide of Judes
atc), but then one barber-shop character reminds enother that sceptism about the arrival of a Redeemer is nothing new because "we didn't believe in the last one:

### 25 YEARS OF SURVIVAL

(ITV,7.30pm)celebretes the
series' first quarter century of
vigorous life with clips from some
of its best editions, and e

Radio 4 2.30 Film: Helio Doily (1969) starring Barbra Streisand, Watter Metthau and Michael Crawford, Musical cornedy about a widowed 5.55 Shipping 6.00 News 5.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer (e). Farming 6.25 Prayer (e).
5.30 Today, Incl 6.30, 7.30,
8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
Weather 7.00, 8.00 News,
praceded by the Hytmn
for Good Friday 7.25, 8.25
Sport 7.45 Thought for
the Day, 8.35 Yesterday in
Parliament 8.50 Letters
8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News matchmaker who, in 1890s New York, sets her sights on the skinflint merchant who wants her to find a

9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs.
Michael Parkmon talks
to Shirley Williams (r) (s).
9.45 The Fisherman's Tale.
Malcolm Billings and
Brian Clarke meet on the
River Test to talk about
fly-fishern

River Test to talk about thy-fishing.

10.00 News; Litany and Anta-Communion from Hereford Cathedral (s).

10.45 All Stations to the Cross. Holy Week talk by Robert Foxcroft. All Change.

11.00 News; Travet; The case for the Crown. With the introduction of the new Crown Prosecution Service next month, the Service next month, the programme examines how our legal system will be

11.48 Hampshire Days. P.J. Kavanagh reads an account of the drama that tollowed e cuckoo'a laying her egg in a robin'a

12.00 News; The Food Programme. Derek Cooper on the art of smoking fish. 12.27 Son of Cliche. Comedy show starring Christopher Berrie, Nick Maloney and Nick Wilton (s). 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World at One: News

1,40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping. 2.00 News; Jesus. Dramatization based on the Gospel narratives (4) Crucifixion and Resurrection. With Paul Copley as Jesus (e).
2.45 The Enthusiasts. Alian
Smith meets The Mighty

Smm meets The America Wurlitzers, 3.00 News: The Betrothed by Alessandro Manzoni (3) The Convert (s), 4.00 News 4.05 The News Huddlines. Roy Hudd with June Whitfield and Chris Emmett.

4.30 Kaleldoscope. Last

4.30 Rateolocope. Less night's edition, repeated. 5.00 PM: News magazine 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather. 6.30 Going Places. The world of travel and transport.

echieved in the way of conservation since Survival trist started sending out warning signals about what Man was doing to wildlife and its environment, I am glad that this environment of the composition this enniversary compiletion contains some of my own Survival favourites such as the spitting cobra, the pelican that concealed a cameraman. rn and the ospreys of Cape Kannedy who continue to nest despite the roaring launch of despite the roaring launch of the space shuttle

•Radio choice: Spike
Milligen is interviewed in 
Kaleidoscope (Radio 4, 
9.45pm), and there is tha Welsh 
National Opera production of 
Parsilal (Redio 3,3.00pm)

balance sheet showing what has(and what has not) been

Peter Davalle

7.00 News
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Pick of the Week. A selection of extracts from BBC radio programmes made by Anne Nightmorek. made by Anne
Nightmgele.
8.20 Stop Press. Nigel Rees
examines what's been in
the newspapers this week.
8.45 Any Ouestuons? Lord fitt.
Lord Chepple, Sir
Campbell Fraser and Mery
Baker tackle issues
raised by the audience in
Dartford, Kent.
9.30 Letter from Amenca.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Laughter—
The Secret Weapon. Paul
Allen talks to Spike Miligan.
10.15 A Book at Beotrme: A
Perfect Spy written and
read by John le Carre (10)
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 Dear Loving Beautiful
Frend. Audrey Napier—
Smith talks about her
relationship with John
Masefield.
11.45 A Meditation for Good
Friday. The Darkest
Hour.
12.00 News: Weather 12.33

12.00 News; Weather 12.33

Shipping.
VHF (evailable in England and S. Weles only) es above except: 5.55-6.00 am Weather; Travel 1.55-2.00 pm For Schools: Listening Corner 5.50-5.55 pm (continued).

Radio 3

6.55Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 Morning Concert: Delius
(Slaigh Ride), Chabrier
(Joyeuse marche), Damase
(Seventeen variations for
wind quinter, Op 22),
Debussy (Cortege: Air de
danse), Rachmaninov
(Rhapsody on thame of
Paganini: Ashkenazy with
LSÖ), 9.00 News LSO), 9.00 News

Concert (corne). Bech (Suste No 2 in B minor, BWV 1067 with Richard Adency, flute). Berlioz (Deerture Waverley), Kreisler (Liebesleid, with Kreisler on the with). Coelland (Liebesleid, with Kreisser on the violini), Copland (Clarinet Concerto: Goodman and Columbia SO). 5.00 News This Week's Composer Elger. Coronation Merch, Op 65. The Music Mekers: VHF only: Open University. From 5.35am to 5.55. The 19th

Baker, mezzo; London Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir) 10.00 Chopin Preludes: Mana

10.40 Ī Langham Chamber Orchestra under Handtord, Haydn (Symphony No 49), Grainger (My Robin is to the Greenwood

Robin is to the Greenwood gone). Respight (Suite No 1)

11.30 Songs of Penitance:
Michael Goldthorpe (tenor), Martyn Parry (organ and harpsichord). Works by John Hilton, Thomas Brewer, Purcell, Adrien Beaumont (Judaa, betrayer: a first performance), and John Wilson

12.00 Concert: BBC
Philharmonic under Philharmonic under
Downes, with Fou Ts'ong
(piano). Part one.
Beethoven (Symphony No
6), Mozart (Piano
Concerto No 15). 1.00 Nawa
1.05 Concert; part 2.
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hostakovich (Symphony No 1) 1.40 Schutz: Seven Words of

1.40 Schutz: Seven Words of Jesus Christ from the Cross. The Sixteen, Les Filles de Saime-Colombe
2.00 Schubert: Alberni Quartet with Thomas Igloi (cello). Sgring Quartet in C. D 956
3.00 Parsifal: by Wagner. Sung in German. Sir Reginald Goodall conducts the Chorus and the Chorus and Orchestra of the Welsh National Opera. With Warren Ellisworth in the title role, and cast including Weltraud Meier, Nicholas Folwell and Donald

McIntyre. Act one.
5.00 John Masefield and the
Romans: Patric
Ockinson's compilation is read by Peter Copley. Sean Barrett and John

5.20 Parsifal: the second act.
Act three starts at
6.50 after en interval reading
8.30 Violin and Piano: Ernst Violin and Prano: Ernst Kovacic and David Owen Norns play works by Jonathan Lloyd (It's ell Sauce to Me), Bach (Partita in O minor, BWV 1004), Nigel Osborne (Mbira), and Elgar (Sonata in E minor, Op 82; Chanson de nuit) Take Care of You;

9.55 Take Care of Yo Books: Morton Cohen talks ebout the pioneer book



collector Richard de Bury 10.15 The Harlequin Years (8). Roger Nichols on musical life in Paris in 1924-5 11.00 Noctume: Bocchenm (La musica notturia delle strade di Madrid), Victoria

(Nocturne No 2), Rodrigo (Nocturne: Lagoya, guitar), Mompou (Los Improperios, with Runge, 11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown

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News on the hour (except 9.00 pm). Headlines 5.30 cm, 5.30, 7.30 end 8.30. Sports Desks 1.02, pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02, 5.05, 8.02, 6.45 (mf only), 9.55.

4.00 am Colin Berry (s) 6.00 Martin Kelner (s) 8.05 Ken Bruce plus Song for Europe preview (s). 10.30 Smgalongamax (Max Bygraves) (s). 11.00 Rey Moore visits Norwch (s) 1.05 pm David Jacobs (s) 2.00 Anneka Rice with e special Good Friday mix of guasts and music 3.30 Music Ail The Wey (s) 4.00 David Hamilton incl today a two entries for A Song for Europe 6.00 John Dunn (s) 8.00 Friday Night is Music Night (s) 9.15 Whet e Mouth Cosmotheka celebrates the songs of Harry (s) 9.15 What a Mouth Cosmothe celebrates the songs of Harry Champion (s) 9.55 Sports Desk 10.00 Castie's Corner. (with Roy Castle) 10.30 Cynthia Glover sings 11.00 Stuart Helf (stereo from midrught) 1.00 am Bill Rennells presents Nightride (s) 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

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# United poised to gamble their final ace

pursuit of the League champions the second time, at West Ham, onship, which they last won in and he has now missed 25 Olsen has been dropped be-1967, is being held up not by the proverbial shoestring but by a shoulder brace. Bryan Robson, the fulcrum of the both United and the England international team, said yesterday that he was prepared to play for the rest of the season and throughout the World Cup wearing the harness which he used in Wednesday's reserve match against Leices-

This desperate, last-ditch attempt to revive United's prospects, which have slipped so persistently in Robson's absence during a succession of injuries, is a calculated gamble oo his long-term physical health, which it is to be hoped will not be jeopardized, knowing that the realistic step at this time is an operation following two disclocations.

Robson, one of the hravest players you will find, yesterday said, full of assurance: "I felt completely secure on Wednesday night and was not aware of the presence of the harness." But that is not to say it can fully protect him.

He will play at St Andrews tomorrow and, there being no further problems, in the critical clash with Everton at Old Trafford on Monday. It is



Robsoo: worth the risk

Manchester United's ailing disclocated his shoulder for an optimistic toss of the dice advised if he is being exalted to take the risks by a crowd craving for success.

There are people, within the cluh and among supporters, who suspect that Manchester United are too concerned with commercial ends. The club have been foremost of those trying to achieve re-acceptance for entry into European

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competition, a move which John Smith, the chairman of Liverpool, has said would be unwisely premature.

Equally disturbing is the transfer turnover by Ron At-kinson, at times bordering on the frantic, and also the fact that Martin Edwards, the managing director who is match against Birmingham.

probably the best paid man in Atkinson has to decide who British football, takes 1 per shall partner McGrath at cen-cent of any profit on the year's tre back. Moran is out for the transfers. Had Atkinson not bought the two Gibsons and suspect on his return to first

ers, with the announcement an emergency role, which he coming, as in the case of has previously filled during climax of the League season, of injury. None of this can can hardly be good for dress-help United's stability but ing-room morale or for loyalty among the most exceptional match tomorrow, they could supporters in the land. It is strike a vital blow on Monday, understood that in addition to when Everton will have Hughes and Brazil, there were Mimms, an untried reserve proposed transfers abroad of goalkeeper signed from Roth-Whiteside and Stapleton, to erham, exposed to the intensiwhich the players refused. Robson's injuries is oot the crowd looging for a return of

only aspect of policy in which the title they so long ago the club seem to be acting on regarded as theirs.

senior games this season.
Clearly, Robson is a willing party to the gamble but it is illdepth should have been able to find a system which utilized they not really need both Olsen and Strachan? And Barnes too? Olsen's special skills. Or did

How hard have United,

with their substantial re-sources, attempted to persuade Hughes to stay? Integrating Davenport, as any manager knows, may take a year or more. Atkinson has, partially unnecessarily, found himself in the position of an international manager, con-fused by an abundance of talent and choice when as Liverpool, Everton and West Ham have proved, simplicity is the key.

Concern about Robson is not their only anxiety for the shall partner McGrath at cen-Davenport, the sale of Hughes team football against Manto Barcelona for £2 million chester City last week, while £20,000 personally to Edwards. This willingness to sell play- could be to switch Stapleton to Wilkins two years ago, at the the course of a match because help United's stability but with what should be an easy

of its start. The preparations are so precise because the crews must be ready for the off and on the stake boats before 3.15.Crucially, too, the cox-swains will be under the eagle eye of the umpire, Michael In last year's race the coxes

Oxford and Cambridge, continuing the countdown for

tomorrow's Boat Race, were

vesterday rehearsing the ritual

lived dangerously. Somehow the oars were intermeshed in a form of nautical jousting, hut luckily there was no disastrous clash. Oxford's Seth Lesser and Cambridge's Henrietta Shaw appeared to have the death wish. There has been only one

foul awarded in the Boat Race to have different road maps of

watery grave with his fairway

wood shot. A seven looked on

the cards but he once again got

up and down and another single putt at the 18th enable

Langer has been experi-

menting this season with the

Pelz Putter, which utilizes

three golf balls for alignment,

hut he will not be too con-cerned if the United States

Golf Association succeed in

their efforts to outlaw the

short-face version of the

putter. The USGA has stated

that it does not conform to the

Rules of Golf but a temporary

restraining order has been

filed in the federal court by the Dave Pelz Golf Company.

him to turn in 36.

and that was in 1849 when Oxford were awarded the race. This year the coxswains, Andy Green and Carole Burton, will need no reminding that they have a tough umpire in charge. If they are hard of hearing then deaf aids should be the order of the day.

It is no easy task coxing a formula one racing shell on the Queen's bighway, devoid of a line to indicate the Surrey and Middlesex statioos. There cao be a degree of subjectivity and certainly, in oormal conditions, the coxswains will be fighting for the centre of the

The other problem is that Oxford and Cambridge appear

inches it does not conform to

the rules. There is a back

blade, which is 5.2 inches

wide, but the USGA has

questioned its function and

told Pelz the putter "is not

Weihring, who was runner-

up in the Tournament Players

championship last year, says:

"It is definitely not a gimmick.

It is the product of extensive research designed to provide

better alignment, club balance

Meanwhile Langer, using a

conventional putter, attempt-

ed to remain in touch with a

and acceleration. You just have to accept it looks ugly."

traditional".

the Tideway and interpretations of the correct stations. Last year's rebearsal was hilarious. The coxes drove the coaching launches side by side from Putney to Mortlake. Henrietta Shaw drove Amaryllis and Seth Lesser Bosporos with the umpire, Ronnie Howard, in pursuit By all accounts, the launches were lucky to survive and became nautical dodgem cars.

Let tomorrow's coxswains beware. Mike Sweeney is a tough character as well as being an international umpire. If necessary he will disqualify and that would be a sad end to a 132nd Boat Race.

achievements. After finishing a "pathetic" 15th in the Newcastle city-centre road race on Wednesday, Crain went into hospital vesterday

went into hospital yesterday for tests to discover how bad

are the kidney stones which

curtailed his training leading

In addition to Achilles ten-

don injuries, "compartment syndrome": runners' knees,

sprained ankles and the like, the world, European, and Commoowealth 1500 metres

champion has bad the kidney

up to the race.

TODAY'S OUTINGS (from Putney): Oxford: 9am and 1,30pm. Cam-bridge: 9am and 2pm.

for the hig race: Carole Burton ,coxswain, and the Cambridge crew (Photograph: Tommy Hindley)

Art of not living dangerously

OXFORD: G R Screator (Magdalen College School and Merton), Sow: D H M MacDonald (Morrison's Acadeny and Mansfield): M R Dunatan (St Otave's; Orphysion and Worcester); "G R D Jones (Sydney University and New College): "B M Philip (Bryanston, Cambridge University); and Worcester): C H Ctark (California University: G. Livingston (California University: G. Livingston (California University: and Oriel); "A M S Thomas (Winchester and Pembroke), stroke; A S Green (Haberdashers' Asles's and Christ Church), cox.

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CAMBRIDGE: In Clarice (Stourport HS and Fizwilliam), bow, as Wilson. (Princeton University and Tranty Hall). "I D Hughes (Bedford Modern and Downing); "I S Paw (Stantion) University and Trinity); "S M Peel (King's, Chester and Downing); "P Broughton (Kelly) College, Southempton University and Magdalene); E A F Gibbons (Cueen's University, Ontario and Churchell," I M Pritchard (St Clement Denes end Robinson), stroke; C A Burton (Alice Ottley and Fitzwilliam), cox.

# Inns on course to beat Oxford

crew have called their blade fin, centry yellow craft, "The Hell Boat," Indeed, one sees Cambridge carstness as a brack of damaed souls, conmucd to eternal frastration as, for 10 long years, Oxford have heaped the coals of defeat on top of them. But this year, all that is going to change. Certainly, it is easy enough

to believe this, when you go down to Patney and suiff the bullish mood of the Cambridge crew. John Pritchard, the vastly experienced stroke, said: "A lot of training and rate description. The only reason I do it is because I am good at it. But last weekend,

got something special.

Cambridge start level in the betting with Oxford. They were funcied last year to end the long losing streak but failed. This year, they say, it will all be different. Alam Inus. the coach, has restructured the

selection procedure and the training programme "from top to bottom," he says. This is his first full year in charge of Cambridge and his plans for starting with a winner are, he believes, looking good.

Last year, the race was close for a long way. Cambridge rowed alongside Oxford for two and a half miles but could not stay there and slowly fell away. It won't happen this year, Inns believes: "I have nhaced the stress on endorance placed the stress on endurance work. We have done long pieces of rowing and multiple repetition in the gym; repeti-

repetation in the gynt; repeta-tion and mileage.

It is been backed up by the Canadian, Neil Campbell, in the coaching: Campbell, a renowned, hairy chested moti-vator who builted his Canadian eight to a gold medal at the last Olympic Games. They're such different people, the two conches," the Cambridge president, Quintus Travis, said. Neil is emotional and Alan is a scheming little bastard. They are a good team.

Princh-up ends a black weekend

Cambridge have certainly on the way to the race. The big freeze almost froze them rigid. Certainly it froze the river at Ely, where they train, a problem Oxford never face, since the Thames, where they train, never freezes. The answer was to go down to London to train, which involved a succession of two and a half hour trips by van, followed by nights on people's floors. The long journeys, with the windows closed and the heaters on were a splendidly efficient means of ensuring cross-infection: a ferounds of the crew, making training with the full crew impossible for weeks.

AAA 10 kilometre champion ship (beating Steve Ovett) and One black weekend, their van broke down, one crew member put his back out and had to withdraw, they put a hole in their brand new boat, and because the weather was so terrible they couldn't train on the tideway and went to train in the dock discovered the gate shut and a pontoon sunk, so the session had to be cancelled. To add the final touch to a glorious weekend, there was a fight between

# Leighton set-back for Scots

Scotland's World Cup preparations have received a se vere jolt with the revelation that Jim Leighton, their firstchoice goalkeeper, may not be available for a month. Leighton will miss Scotland's last two internationals before the finals in Mexico, against England at Wembley on April 23 and Netherlands in Emdhoven six days later.

Leighton Wednesday's 3-0 victory over Romania at Hampden Park because of a suspected dislovealed more serious damage.

"Jim has a flaked bone in his finger and it looks as if he will be out for a month." Alex Ferguson, the Aberdeen and Scotland manager, said.

The injury to Leighton took

stick to his plans By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent The catalogue of Steve reiterated his wish to run both Cram's ailments is getting as the 800 and 1500 metres at the long as his list of athletic Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, followed by the 1500 metres at the European championships in Stuttgart. Steve Harris's victory in the Newcastle 5,000 metres race signalled a return to top form after his own spate of injuries had beld back his progress since 1983. It was then that the 1982 junior national crosscountry champion came to the forefront of Britain's senior runners with a victory in the

"In a way it was good for the crew," Travis said. "It kept them back and prevented as them back and prevented as from peaking too early. More importantly, it developed a materity in the crew: we have faced every difficulty possible and coped." It was a winter packed with difficulties, so much so that Ted Gibson, the No 7, said he felt as if he was rowing in a boat from hell. The crew agreed with the senti-ments and named the boar in

recognition. "It was a trough. After it, the crew took off," Travis said. Travis is not in the crew he is the first non-rowing president since 1947, when a man called Archie Nicholson was in the same position. Cambridge won that year.

A more substantial pointer to victory comes from Pritchard, who, with two successive defeats behind him, is something of an authority on losing the Boat Race. He does not expect to add to this kind of experience. "We are an older crew than in previous years and we have a great deal of international experience," he said. "It makes a significant psychological difference. We know our abilities and we know we don't have to row out of our skins to give a once-ina-lifetime performance if #2 are to win. We simply have to perform to our full potential no more. I believe that will be

Simon Burnes

#### Male pride upheld Day of mixed fortunes Ailing Cram will in final round green from 240 yards out but as the short-face version has a From Mitchell Platts he succeeded only in finding a striking face of 2.2 inches compared with a length of 5

GOLF: LANGER FIGHTS TO KEEP ALIVE; IRISH PAIRS WITH COMPETITIVE BITE

ty of a 50,000 Mancunian

upheld when Ronan Rafferty and Roger Chapman, professionals from Ireland and En- man, perhaps profiting from gland respectively, won the external agency, won the 17th Sunningdale Foursomes yes- to go one up and realize terday. They inflicted a rare expectations by retaioing their defeat, hy one hole, on the lead, though Miss McKenna Irish amateur pair, Mary Mo- and Mrs Garner hunted them Kenna and Maureen Garner all the way up the 18th.

It was only the third setback for the women in 30 matches in this competition. They were form in the clubhouse at receiving nine strokes from lunch.

Ponte Vedra, Florida Tony Sills, aged 30, from Masculine pride was finally the men, a handicap that other California, improved his prosplayers had declared impossi-hle, but Rafferty and Chap-

pects of a first tour victory with an opening round of 66 in the Tournament Players championship here yesterday as Bernhard Langer relied heavily on his putter to keep his own chances alive. Langer looked extremely

comfortable on the greens It was a match undistinthroughout his opening nine holes, hut his striking from tee to green lacked its usual consistency. He started at the tenth hole and there were some outstanding shots, like the aggressive seveo iron he fired straight at the stick at the (3th (172 yards), but he was too often fighting for pars after wayward shots.

#### Selectors give in over Dew

There will be cries of "play-er power" following the deci-sion yesterday to allow Martin Dew to travel separately from the England squad for the world team championships in Jakarta next month.

The European doubles champion has been in dispute with Jake Downey, the England manager, who dropped the player from the squad when he refused to travel with the team. Downey's actions, however, led many of the top players to call for Dew's inclusion and eventually led to the players' petition for Downey's removal from his

Downey subsequently won executive committee of the Badminton Association of England – although yesterday he Pyatt in line received anything but that from his own selectors. Dis-

## Porterfield dismissed

Sheffield United's football supporters finally got their way yesterday with the dis-missal of the manager, lan Porterfield. The subject of demonstrations and abuse from supporters, Porterfield was dismissed at an emergencv board meeting.

The chairman, Reg Brealey, said: "The decision was taken with regret but has been made because it became increasingly apparent that the manager had lost the confidence of the fans. It is in the best interests of all

concerned that he should go."
The youth team coach, Billy McEwan, will take charge until the end of the season while the board look for a replacement. Among the favourites will be Trevor Cherry, who steered neighbouring Bradford City to a vote of confidence from the the second division last

Chris Pyatt, of Leicester, from his own selectors. Dis-who recently won the British cussing matters independently light middleweight title from they voted unanimously to Prince Rodney, has been conchange the decision that the firmed by the European Boxsquad travels together. "Dew ing Union as the official is an indispensable part of the contender for the European team and therefore must be champiooship, held by Said included," Skouma, of France.



Navratilova: Czech return

#### Service return Prague (AP) - Martioa Navratilova will be allowed to return to her native Czecho-

slovakia to play Federation Cup tennis for the United States from July 21 to 27, the Czechoslovak Sports Union confirmed. She bas not re-turned since her defection in

#### Charity goals

Kenny Dalglish has pledged to help the Scottish public who have helped him become one of the country's best-loved footballer. The Liverpool player-manager, who wonhis 100th cap against Romania on Wednesday, is to give a "substantial sum" from his testimonial fund to charities.

#### I win call-up Chris Bailey, aged 17, of Norfolk, and Hampshire's

Lawrence Matthews, aged 18, have been called up by the British national tennis team manager, Paul Hutchins, to the oew Laing LTA 1986 team. The pair joio existing members, Austen Brice (Cheshire) and Jason Goodall (Berskshire), in a squad which will compete in European junior tournaments. Hutchins said: "They are both in their final year as juniors and will benefit tremendously."

#### Non-starters

Nairobi (Reuter) - Two new turbocharged Citroens have been ruled out of the Safari motor rally, starting tomorrow, for technical reasons. "The new car is not quick enough," a spokesman, Richard Seth-Smith, said, referring to the four-wheel drive Citroen BX4TC.

#### Sibson bout

Tony Sibson continues his bout-a-month campaign when he meets Alex Ramos, of the United States, on April 16. lt will be the third instalment of his comeback which has brought him two impressive wins. The contest will be staged at the Royalty Theatre in London.

cated finger - but a further examination yesterday - re-

the gloss off an otherwise successful night for Scotland and the country's most successful footballer, Kenny Dalglish, who was winning his 100th cap.

then going on to win the World Student Games 5,000 galaxy of players who took advantage of calm conditions Langer has only employed problem, albeit less acute, for the putter in three tournato make encouraging starts. They included Boh Tway, out more than five years. He took single putts at three ments hut he has found tre-Occasional hospital treat-A displaced pelvis, the same legacy of hard road-running from which David Moorcroft of his first four holes, twice for in a five-under-par 31, and mendous value in using it on ment has helped to cure the hirdies, and he was required to Lanny Wadkins, Mark O'Meara, Andy Bean and Jim Thorpe, who all turned in 32. the practice putting green. That, of course, he will be able problem in the past, but, although Cram admits it will do so again at the long 14th to avoid dropping more than one is still suffering, kept Harris out throughout 1984. But he to continue to do even if the not constitute a grave setback shot after a pushed drive and a putter, which is regularly used to training, be may need laser achieved minor success last Reign ended pulled eight iron which left the ball in a bunker. year, coming third in the European Cup 5,000 metres the American golfer treatment to disperse them D. A. Weibring, is outlawed. this time. England's grip on the Vimorin Cup women's amateur golf trophy came to an end at Saint-Cloud yesterday. Cram's immediate plans are race in Moscow and now he Langer stared another disas-Weihring, however, is conto go for his regular spring altitude training in Colorado throughout April, and he has has his sights set on running the 10,000 metres at the Commonwealth Games. ter in the face at the long 16th. cerned as, of course, is Pelz, He gambled on going for the with the USGA's verdict but **BADMINTON** FOOTBALL SPORT IN BRIEF

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